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Executive Department
Austin March 29th 1861

Gentlemen of the Senate
And House of Representatives;

The office of Chief Executive of the State did so suddenly, and I am constrained to say regardless of the rumors which have prevailed, so unexpectedly devolve upon me that I was utterly unprepared with a communication adapted to the present occasion. And this being an adjourned session of your honorable body when under ordinary circumstances, executive messages are not usual or expected, it is more than probable, that on the present occasion, I should not have trespassed upon your attention, were it not that the circumstances attending my succession to the office of Governor have engendered that expectation. It was my desire to have complied with this expectation at an earlier day, but an essential investigation into the public business conducted in the different departments of the Government and especially the necessity of receiving official information of the actions of the Convention which has just adjourned have conspired to render me more dilatory in the transmission of this Communication than I otherwise would have been.

I indulge the trust however that it is not yet too late to acquit myself of whatever obligation may attach to one in this regard, and of whatever want of respect and courtesy to your honorable body my silence may seem to have indicated.

The position of Governor is one which my experience in other and inferior stations of public trust has shown me to environed at all times, and under the most auspicious circumstances with vexation and embarrassments. It falls into my hands at a period more pregnant with future doubt than any which has preceded. The disruption of that Government, of which we for so many years formed a part has placed us in an attitude threatening war with those from whom we have seperated, and has engendered in our very midst a bitter spirit of discontent and of undisguised opposition to that which is the expressed will of the people.

Under a full sense of the circumstances which surround me, I can say in all sincerity and without fear of being distrusted that I have assumed the responsibilities of office with a great appreciation of my inability to equal them.

In submitting to your honorable body those suggestions which

ly most conversant with this subject, earnestly advises its repeal. In its stead he recommends that the tax payer be permitted to render his real property at a sworn value and pay the tax therein to the Assessor and Collector of the county in which he resides.

It is confidently believed that the adoption of this change will increase the revenue of the State, by reaching lands which have hitherto been withheld from taxation; and it will certainly render the law more acceptable to the tax payer, and more efficient in its operation. Let it also be required of the Assessors and Collectors to make comparisons of their assessment rolls of the lands rendered to them in their own Counties and the lists of lands furnished them from the Comptrollers office, the taxes on which have been elsewhere paid, with the abstract of listed lands; this advantage of identifying and reconciling the lands paid upon, with the abstract would not only then be performed but it would also justify the retrenchment of that expenditure in the Comptrollers office which is now devoted to an object the satisfactory accomplishment of which has been found to be utterly impracticable. As a matter of justice and a means of augmenting the revenue, it is expedient that a tax should be imposed upon money and every character of pecuniary obligation, a species of property which is very able to contribute its value to the support of government, for the right to its possession and use, has always been supported by the laws of the government while it has enjoyed a singular immunity from taxation. It is calculated that the revenue arising from this source would increase the revenue of the State at least $50.000, and to manifest a provision should not be overlooked.

Before concluding my remarks upon the monetary condition of the State, I will allude to the result of the agency to the Late United States, for the purpose of obtaining money due to the State of Texas for expenditures made in defence of the frontier. The Comptroller who was authorized agent of the State arrived at Washington early in February and forthwith submitted his claims for payment. It was objected that the claims were not sufficiently authenticated to admit of their being audited. Dispatches were immediately forwarded to Texas for the requisite vouchers, but prior to their arrival intelligence reached Washington of the seizure of the Federal property in Texas and our agent was then informed by the Secretary of War that the payment of our claims would be deferred. This conduct on the part of the authorities at Washington does by no means surprise me, for it was ever habitual with that Government to retard and embarrass the claims of Texas upon it. Claims too which have arisen in a manner like the present from having been forced to appropriate our own means to secure that protection from frontier depredations, which had been guaranteed, and should have been given by that Government. It is much to be regretted that the proper officer of the State was not allowed the privilege of proceeding to Washington at an earlier day, when he would have secured the money which was due to us. I conclude this connection by re-

marking that the foregoing recommendations relative to the fiscal condition of the State, are based upon suggestions and data supplied by the Honorable Comptroller of the State.

I have no very important information to communicate to you in relation to the frontier Recent intelligence not authentic however has been received, reporting the presence of some small bands of marauding Indians on our extreme Northern frontier Col Dalrymple with a sufficient force under his command is in charge of that section, and is hoped he will be able to give it protection. Col McCullough has just arrived from the North Western border. He reports that there are no Indians in that portion of the Country where he has been in command, a condition of things which I am happy to make known to you. In some of our western counties however, the citizens have not been so fortunate. The Indians in considerable numbers have descended upon them and committed many atrocious depredations. There is also much apprehension felt at El Paso as no protecting force is there. I trust that the troops now being raised for the protection of the frontier will hasten into the field, and from the number and character of the men, and the well known energy, courage and gallantry of the officers who are in command of them I feel satisfied that our frontier citizens will have protection more perfect than they have ever yet enjoyed

The existing law which provides for the organization of the Militia does not seem to be of any practical efficiency, and in view of the possible, if not probable contingencies which may come upon us I invite your attention to the consideration of that plan which will render the Militia effective.

Upon an examination of the Ordinances of the Convention, I find many to which the attention of the Legislature is especially requested, for action is necessary on your part to give them force and effect. There is 1st An ordinance respecting public property. 2nd An ordinance Relating to Custom House officers and Custom revenues. 3rd An ordinance authorizing the purchase of arms for the use of the State 4th An ordinance Concerning arms, stores &c recently surrendered to Texas by the United States Government. 5th An ordinance to provide in part for the defence of the frontier and of the State, and 6th An ordinance relating to the laws of Texas. There are other ordinances, equal in importance to those enumerated, to the consideration of which I respectfully refer you. I have only called your attention to these ordinances, since a reference to them will be essential for the purposes of such legislation as they may require.

Your attention is respectfully asked, to the disposition of the property lately acquired by this State from the government of the old United States.

Among other things there is a large number of horses and mules, now being kept at San Antonio at a very heavy expense to the State. If they are not transferred to the government of the Confederate States, which with all the other acquired property, I would urgently recommend, they should be furnished

to the forces now about to enter the service. This arrangement would be highly satisfactory to many of our troops, and as the Law for organizing these regiments, requires each man to provide his own horse, these animals would be paid for by the services of the men, and thus we may not only in part pay our men but also relieve the State of a heavy expence. I suggest that all property received from the late United States government, be fairly appraised and fully and completely scheduled, and that copies of the appraisement and schedules, be forwarded to the Comptrollers office.

It is necessary in consequence of the withdrawal of Texas from the late Union of the United States, and her union with the Confederate States of America to make provision for her representation in the Congress of the latter Government. In accordance with an apportionment recently made by the Congress in session at Montgomery, official information of which however has not yet been received at this department, Texas will be entitled to two Senators and Six Representatives. May it not devolve upon you during your present session, to apportion the State into Six Congressional districts for the election of those members to whom we will be entitled? I respectfully commend this subject, as well as the provision for the election of Senators to the consideration of the Legislature.

In relation to the taking of government property, which has been before mentioned, there was of necessity a considerable expense incurred in the transaction, and among others I wish to refer you to the claim of Gen. E. D. Nichols who borrowed for our use, upon his individual Credit the sum of $[illegible]. This is a debt not only of Justice, but of patriotism and of honor and I would suggest that it be fully paid at the very earliest day.

Your attention is directed to the fact, that the late United States troops in service in Texas, are still within our limits. They have concentrated at a point, near Indianola, and although I do not myself apprehend any danger from them, yet it would be the part of prudence, to require that they be withdrawn; for their presence is not only very offensive to many of our citizens but in certain contingencies they might inflict upon us serious injury.

The political events which have transpired in Seven of the Southern States, since November, are the grandest in importance which have ever occurred in the history of our Country, and unparralleled in the annals of nations, in the celerity and quietness of their accomplishment. Our part in the absorbing drama has been important and peculiar.

We were not long connected with the government which has passed away. We formed our connection with it under the full exercise of our sovereignty as a State, and it is in accordance with that same sovereignty that we have withdrawn from it.

In July 1845 was arranged, and in February 1846 was consummated very near the spot where you are now assembled. The Union heretofore existing between Texas and the United States of America; and but a few weeks ago we witnessed a mighty movement, springing from the people, and

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which has resulted in undoing what we then did. Impelled by a strong feeling of attachment for the people of the old Union, and placing full faith in the justice and integrity of all who then composed it, we readily assented to the Annexation. Now, under a pressure of insults and injuries (marked by every indication, on the part of that bigoted party which has usurped the government, to degrade if not to destroy us) and borne with a patience and fortitude unexampled in the annals of any great people, we have, with calmness and without fear withdrawn from the association. It is worse than useless to discuss now the manner of our withdrawal. It has been accomplished, and I for one, fully subscribe to its legality and propriety. It may or it may not have been a question which admitted of discussion Now it is not a question but a positive vital fact. The people have acted upon it and approved it at the ballot box by an unexampled majority. And under all the circumstances which have conspired to embarrass, retard, and defeat the action of Texas, it may truly be said, that none other of the Confederate States has given such an impressive illustration of the Great American idea- that Governments rest upon the consent of the governed, and that it is their right, when they will to alter, reform, or abolish them.

Recent advices indicate a desire on the part of those who have driven us into seperation, to remedy their error and reclaim us. To this reunion I am opposed, absolutely and eternally. The experience of recent years has convinced me that it would be an unsafe and injudicious association, because their visionary theories can never harmonize with our settled convictions of the right.

The idea expressed by a few persons that Texas should stand alone is so preposterous that I will not notice it, but proceed to congratulate her on her forming a portion of the Confederate States. It is a connection dictated alike by feelings of relative ties, by considerations of mutual safety and benefit, and by motives of identical interests.

I have entered upon the discharge of my duties with apprehension and embarrassment, but with an honest purpose, and a fixed determination to perform them to the utmost of my ability, relying on the justice patriotism and intelligence of my fellow citizens for sustenance under that opposition and disparagement which none who occupy responsible official positions can hope to escape.

I conclude by inviting your aid and Counsel, and invoking the guidance of the Allwise and Eternal One, in whose hands is the destiny of Nations and who has hitherto showered so many blessings upon us.

Edward Clark.

8.

Executive Department
Austin Texas March 18th 1861

To K. R. Evans Esq.

Sir,

You are hereby appointed Private Secretary to the Governor,

Very Respectfully
Your obt Servt

Executive Office
Austin Texas March 21st 1861

To

Sir,

In compliance with the duty imposed upon me by an ordinance of the Convention, a copy of which I inclose to you, I hereby appoint and authorize you to enrol a company of One Hundred men rank and file of mounted volunteers.

As there are but ten Companies authorized for the whole State you will in making up said Company endeavor to do equal justice to all Counties in your section of the State, having regard to points at which other enrolling officers may be appointed and the population of Counties from which volunteers may present themselves.

I desire that you be particular and select the best material that you can get for your Company and that you use all possible dispatch in raising it

Note. A copy of the above was conveyed to each of the following named Gentlemen viz: C. L. Pyron, Bexar County. Santos Benevides, Starr County.
Isaac Stafford, Harris County. James Walker, La Vaca County.
D. M. Whaley, Leon County. H. A. Hanner, Jack County.
Milton Webb, Lamar County. A. H. Crawford, Harrison County.
D. M. Short, Shelby County. Peter Hardeman, Nacogdoches County.

Executive Office
Austin March 22 1861

Col John S. Ford
Brownsville

Dear Sir;

This will be handed you by Col Taylor to whom I take pleasure in introducing you. He has for you an Ordinance passed by the Convention to provide for the Military defence of the State of Texas. You have been elected Col of the regiment to be raised under said ordinance, and the Ordinance itself will better explain to you your powers and duties than I can.

It is understood here that the States of Mexico adjacent to our frontier are prepared for revolution, and some are apprehensive that some of our Volunteers now upon that border, impelled by that military spirit and ardor so characteristic of our people may be disposed to engage in it should it occur. In this apprehension I do not participate. My knowledge of the forces under your command assures me that they are too well aware of their duty and of the proper policy of Texas at this time to do so, and should such a disposition manifest itself, I feel every confidence that you will employ your influence and authority to prevent the employment of any part of your command or of the State arms in such a purpose.

I congratulate you and your command upon the success which has attended your expedition to the Rio Grande and yourself upon your election to the Command of the new Regiment

Very truly your friend &c

Executive Office
Austin March 23rd 1861

To Hon A. C. Johns:

I have appointed P. M. Taylor bearer of dispatches to Col Ford at Brownsville, and desire that you advance him One Hundred Dollars out of the funds for Frontier protection for the purpose of executing his mission,

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Executive Office
Austin March 27. 1861

To Sergeant
W. H. Nichols
Sir,

You are hereby authorized to proceed to San Antonio and receive from Col S Maclin of the ordnance Department from four to five hundred Stand of arms for Galveston, and as many as two hundred and fifty stand for Indianola, with the proper accoutrements subject to your discretion, and ammunition, and notify this office of your action under this power. Upon your arrival at the point designated you will deliver these arms intended for Galveston to Gen E. B. Nichols to be used by him as he may be instructed; and those for Indianola to A. Runge Esq subject to the Control of Col J S Stockdale.

You will, when said property is delivered by you at the points mentioned inform this office of your action, and you will take the receipts of the receivers and forward them.

Executive Office
Austin March 27. 1861

Col S. Maclin
Ordnance Department
San Antonio

Dear Sir,

I have appointed and authorized Sergt W H Nichols to recieve of the State arms under your charge from four to five hundred Stand of arms for use at Galveston, and as many as two hundred and fifty for use at Indianola; also a corresponding supply of accoutrements and a reasonable number of rounds of ammunition suitable to the number of arms authorized to be recieved.

You will, if consistent with the safety of your position at San Antonio deliver to him the arms, accoutrements and ammunition specified and he will be instructed as to the disposition to be made of said arms &c when he reaches the points for which they are designated by this department.

Very respectfully

11.

Executive Office
Austin March 27. 1861

Gen. C. P. Nichols
Galveston

Sir,

I have this day ordered from the San Antonio arsenal from four to five hundred stand of arms, and an appropriate amount of accoutrements, and ammunition, to be sent to Galveston, to be used in defence of that city, should that contingency occur. These arms &c will be conveyed by Serg.t W. H. Nichols, and I hereby appoint you to receive and control them.

You will keep them safely and in good Condition, and issue them to reliable and regularly organized companies, according to your discretion, taking the receipts of the Captains of the Companies for the same, and forwarding your receipt to this office.

Respectfully Yours

Executive Office
Austin March 27. 1861

Col. W. S. Stockdale
Indianola

Sir,

I have this day ordered from the San Antonio arsenal two hundred and fifty stand of arms, and a suitable amount of ammunition and accoutrements, to be sent to Indianola for use in the defence of that point should the contingency occur. These arms will be conveyed by Sergt. W. H. Nicholls to the establishment of A. Runge Esq of Indianola and I hereby appoint you to receive and control them.

You will keep these munitions safely, and in good condition, and issue them only to reliable and regularly organized companies, according to your discretion taking the receipts of the Captains of the Companies for the same. You will forward your receipt for the articles you receive to this office.

Very respectfully

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Executive Office
Austin March 30th 1861

Col P. N. Luckett

Sir,

Your communications of the 28th inst embracing some estimates for the supply of the volunteer force, and some very important information in relation to a large amount of Commissary Stores "in transitu" through Texas for the United States troops in Arizona, were duly received.

I am pleased that you so promptly advised me of this latter subject for it is one which demands immediate and thorough investigation, and I desire you on the part of the State to inquire into the whole matter, to determine all the facts which would authorize the detention of the property or its release as the case may be. Gen C. B. Nichols who leaves here to night for San Antonio will cooperate with you in this investigation. I have requested Col Van Dorn of the U. S. Army to take the initiative in this matter as the representative of the Confederate States, which are chiefly interested.

You, gentlemen will please confer together and determine the nature of the contents of these wagons; by whom they are owned, and for what purpose they are intended and communicate to me your opinion as to whether their transit across our soil will in any respect prove detrimental to the interests of the Confederate States or of this State.

I shall give you no instructions more definite than I have already prefixed, and will only suggest to you that while the greatest care of the Executive is to secure and preserve the interest of this State, yet he must always maintain a sacred regard for the rights of the individual, provided the two do not come in conflict when of course the individual must yield.

If it is determined that these supplies, belong strictly to an individual, and are designed for no purpose which would imperil the interests of ourselves or our Sister Confederate States it will be impolitic and unnecessary to detain them, but if on the contrary it is deemed injudicious to permit their transit they will be promptly disposed of.

If Gen Van Dorn is in San Antonio, and I am apprehensive that he may not be, the whole subject must be referred to him as it properly comes under the jurisdiction of the Confederate States which government he represents.

I trust you will very soon be able to give me some definite information on this subject

Very respectfully

Note: Letters similar to the above sent to Gen Van Dorn and to Gen. C. B. Nichols

Executive Office
Austin March 28. 1861

In conformity with law, I hereby appoint the following citizens of the State of Texas managers of the State Lunatic Asylum:

P. G. Shelley
Geo. W. White
Goodrich
Thos. H Jones
Weyman Wells

Executive Office
Austin April 1st 1861

To James Sorley
C S Collector
Galveston

Sir,

Captain Rogers was duly commissioned by the Committee on Public Safety appointed by the Convention, as captain of the Texas schooner Henry Dodge. The Executive of Texas recognizes him as such If you will support him in the present service it is confidently believed that the Confederate States government will sustain you so soon as they have made provision for the revenue service, if not the State of Texas must itself become responsible.

Executive Office
Austin April 1st 1861

To Lieut. Locke 2nd Lieut
of Schooner Henry Dodge;
Galveston,

Sir, Your commission recd. from Capt. Rogers is recognized by the Executive of this State as legitimate. It is firmly believed that the government of the Confederate States will sustain and recognize you, and if not that it will be done by the State of Texas.

Note. Same communication, same date sent to 3rd Lieut. Rogers of same vessel.

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Executive Office
Austin April 2nd 1861.

Hon G. M. Flournoy
Attorney General

Dear Sir,

Will you do me the Kindness to give me your opinion as to my power and authority to remove a District Judge under the 8th Sec. 4th Article of the Constitution without the prescribed action of the Legislature? Or could I without the address of the Legislature remove a District Judge for insanity when said insanity has been adjudged as the law directs by ordering an election for the office?

Very respectfully

Executive Office
Austin April 2nd 1861

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit to you the report and accompanying documents of the Commissioner on the boundary survey. As it is deemed advisable to submit the report &c to your honorable body I have myself not examined and therefore will make no suggestion.

It is requested that the accompanying report and documents be transmitted to the Honorable Senate

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Executive Office
Austin April 2. 1861

Hon C. R. Johns
Sir,

In compliance with your request, I herewith transmit to you those vouchers, provision accounts &c of the various minute Companies called out under an order of March 9. 1860 which have been filed in this office.

Upon examination it is found that there is no written record of the orders for minute detachments which were published on March 9. 1860. The printed copy of said orders however which I send to you is authentic.

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Executive Office
Austin April 3rd 1861

Mr. J. J. Diamond
Sir,

I have instructed Messrs D. M. & D. C. Murphy of Jefferson to deliver to you on your demand One hundred and sixty stand of arms and accoutrements.

You will receipt to Messrs Murphy for these arms, and convey them to Cook county, wherein you will deliver them only to regularly organized companies taking for them the bonds of the Captains of said Companies.

Very Respectfully

Executive Office
Austin April 3rd 1861

Messrs D. M. & D. C. Murphy
Jefferson
Gentlemen,

Upon the demand of Mr J. J. Diamond, you will please deliver to him the following amount of arms and accoutrements borrowed by this State from the State of Louisiana through Gen. D. H. Rogers and consigned to your firm;

1 Box Muskets
1 Box Screw drivers for percussion arms
1 Box Cones
1 Box Wipers for Muskets
1 Box Ball screws
1 Box Screw vices

You will take Mr Diamond's receipt for these arms and forward it to this office

Respectfully Yours

Executive Office
Austin April 3rd 1861

Judge D. C. Robertson
Sir,

I have instructed Messrs D. M. & D. C. Murphy of Jefferson to deliver to you on your demand One hundred Stand of arms with accoutrements. You will receipt to Messrs Murphy for these arms

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convey them to Tyler. You will deliver them only to regularly organized companies, and take the bond of the Captains of said Companies for the same.

Very respectfully

Executive Office
Austin April 3rd 1861

Messrs I. N. & D. C. Murphy,
Jefferson

Gentlemen;

Upon the demand of Judge D. C. Robertson you will please deliver to him the following arms and accoutrements borrowed by this State from the State of Louisiana and consigned to your firm;

100 Muskets
100 Screw drivers
100 Cones
100 Wipers for Muskets
10 Ball Screwers
10 Screw Vices

You will take Judge Robertsons receipt for these arms and forward the same to this office

Respectfully Yours

Executive Department
Austin April 3rd 1861

Gentlemen of the Senate.

The report and accompanying documents which I herewith respectfully submit to you, is made is made in accordance with a proclamation "To the Citizens of the Frontier" issued by my predecessor on the 21st of November 1860; and in conformity with which there were appointed three commissioners, to inquire into and make a full statement of the loses sustained by our Frontier Citizens from Indian depredations.

These commissioners as the report indicates, incurred many expenses and were engaged for a considerable time in investigating that for which they were appointed, and they now ask of your honorable body, that their disbursements be refunded to them, and that they also receive an equitable remuneration for their services.

Accordingly I present the subject for your consideration, and mak

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He received this report with accompanying documents transmitted to His Hon. the Pre-relative.

Executive Department
Boston April 1st 1861

Lieut Col F. W. Lincoln
Dr Inspector and Commissary Genl
Genl Orders
&c

Upon the receipt of this order you will immediately contract for such tents and other camp equipage as may be necessary for the encampment at Fort Warren of the troops of this State ordered into the service of the United States, and for the subsistence of the troops while in camp at that place.

You will of course contract for only such articles as may be absolutely necessary for the sustenance of this body of troops according to the regulations of the Department now under your control.

You will confer with General Schouler and Adjutant General Wilkins with regard to procuring their sentiment as to the best mode of transportation of the troops from their respective places of rendezvous to Fort Warren.

You will also provide for the transportation according to the purpose, relating to the service of the Commonwealth in the present emergency to Col Henry M. Cowdin of the 2nd Mass Regiment of Foot.

Upon the contracts which you may enter into under this order you will require bonds with sufficient sureties for the faithful performance of the same, and you will require separate and distinct bills of particulars of the articles furnished under each contract, as it will become necessary to have the same audited by the Governor and Council.

You are particularly requested to keep a strict account of all expenditures made under this order, and to render a monthly statement of the same to the Governor and Council, and to report to me from time to time the progress of your duties.

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Executive Office
Austin April 4th 1861

Gen. L. H. Rogers
Sir,

In an ordinance which provides in part for the military defence of Texas, and under which a regiment of mounted volunteers is raised for its purpose, there is a special provision for transferring this regiment to the government of the Confederate States should it be adopted and accepted by it. This is a consummation so manifestly to the policy and interest of our State, that I think it of essential importance that it should be properly suggested and acted upon by the government of the Confederate States. It is with this point in view that I desire you during your sojourn at Montgomery to become the accredited agent of the State of Texas and to represent the subject properly to the government of the Confederate States.

You are aware Sir, that the Convention of Texas recently in session provided for the organization of this regiment for the purpose of defending our suffering frontier from the incursions of hostile bands of Indians. The provision was made during our transition state, and before we had a right to expect the protection of the Confederate State Government, and before that Government could have afforded us security. It was an act of immediate vital necessity. Now however that our interests are under the guardianship of a Confederacy, it is proper that the defence of our frontier, which is their frontier should not be taxed upon our State, but should be sustained by that Government which should maintain the military defence of the entire country.

The regiment of this State which in a few days will be in the field will be burdensome to maintain in the present depleted condition of our State Treasury. You will therefore exert every effort to accomplish this object.

Respectfully

Executive Office
Austin Texas April 4 1861

To His Excellency
Jefferson Davis
President C.S.A.
Sir,

This communication will be presented by Gen. L. H. Rogers who goes to you as the accredited agent of the State of Texas. His object is to negotiate for the reception into the service of the Confederate States the regiment of Cavalry recently raised by Texas.

This regiment was authorized by an ordinance of the Convention of Texas for the purpose of defending our suffering frontier from the depredations of hostile Indians, and the possible invasion of Mexican guerillas. The provision

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was made during our transition state; before we had a right to expect the protection of your government and before you could have afforded us any security. It was an act of immediate vital necessity. With 1700 miles of frontier, with the Mexicans on the West who bear no love for us, and the Indians on the North and West who are our eternal foes, we were forced to take some steps for protection. Now however that our interests are under the guardianship of the Confederate States, it is proper that the defence of our frontier, which is its frontier, should not be assumed by this State, but should be sustained by the Confederate government upon which devolves the military defence of the entire Country.

An effort will soon be made by the submission party of this State to establish an independent republic, and one of their most effective arguments will be that the Confederate States have supplied the place of the U.S troops consisting of 2800 men with only one regiment, and that Texas has at her own cost been forced to bring another regiment into the field and to be burthened with its maintainance.

The people of Texas have been positively assured that their protection would be far more perfect under the Government of the Confederate States than it was under that of the old U.S. and upon this assurance they now rely. Hence I cannot too urgently impress upon you the policy of accepting the regiment of mounted Volunteers which Texas has ordered out, for it only meets in your hands security for our protection, guards Texas against dissention and dissatisfaction with the Confederate States and gives an entire quietus to that spirit of opposition which is always grumbling in our midst. The reasons in detail will be given to you by Gen. Rogers who was one of the Committee on Public Safety and has familiarized himself with all the facts.

Very respectfully

Executive Department
Austin April 8th 1861

Col S. Maclin
Or Col P N Luckett.
San Antonio;

In pursuance of a Joint Resolution of the Legislature of this State Approved 6th April 1861 you are hereby directed to turn over on demand to Henry P. Brewster agent of the Confederate States, and Capt J. F. Minter of the Confederate States Army all the property recently taken from the Government of the United States with the exception of such as may be necessary to meet requisitions already made by this department.

You will take their receipt for the same, accompanied by schedules, specifying each item and its Condition, and file said receipts and schedules in the office of the Comptroller of the State as soon as practicable.

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Executive Department
Austin April 10th 1861

Col S. Maclin;
San Antonio;

I have been informed that there are several heavy guns at Fort Clark, which are utterly useless at that post, and as a contingency may arise which would render them particularly serviceable to the State at Indianola, I have determined upon sending them (or as many as were thought necessary) to that point. Before however, it could have been consummated by me, the agents of the Confederate Government have arrived in this State, impowered with Authority to receive all the Govt property within our limits. Hence the disposition of these cannon will rest with them and I desire now to make the request of Messrs Brewster and Mintes that they have as many of the Fort Clark cannon as are deemed necessary, if consistent with their powers, sent immediately to Indianola. Please communicate with me on the subject.

Very respectfully

Executive Department
Austin April 11th 1861

Gen E. B. Nichols,
Dear Sir,

You are probably apprized of the acts which passed at the recent session of the Legislature, one authorizing a loan of one million of dollars, and another requiring the Governor to borrow Ninety Thousand dollars. These acts provide for the appointment of an agent to negotiate the loans, and if consistent with your interests and pleasure, I would request your presence here at an early day, in order that some arrangements may be made in relation to this matter,

Very respectfully

Executive Department
Austin April 12th 1861

Col Wm McCulloch,
Sir,

Yours of the 31st ult. from Richmond was received yesterday. A few days previously I had received a dispatch from Messrs Mc New Orleans announcing the fact that the pistols were on the way to that city & would not be delivered without the Cash. This subject was referred to the Legislature &

sion but no appropriation for immediate use could be made by them, for as you are aware our Treasury is at present exhausted of funds. An act however was passed authorizing the State to borrow Ninety thousand Dollars, out of which is to be paid the debts contracted by the ordinances of the convention - one of which invests you in your present capacity.

This loan will be secured at the earliest possible day, but the exact time of its consummation is of course very uncertain, and nothing positive can be predicated upon it. The State may, and I hope will have the means available in a short time but nothing could be pledged before the 1st of August.

The arrangement with the Government at Montgomery to which you allude, and which you say Senator Wigfall advocates, would be entirely acceptable to this State; and it is strongly hoped that the Government of the Confederate States will receive our regiment into their service.

Very respectfully

Executive Department
Austin Texas April 12th 1861

Messrs A. Glenn & Co
New Orleans

Gentlemen;

Your favor of the 30th ult, enclosing dispatch from Col Ben McCulloch was duly received; and an earlier reply has been prevented by a combination of circumstances. The subject was referred to the Legislature which has just adjourned but no appropriation was made to meet its purposes. Col McCulloch with whom I communicate by this mail, and who I presume is in New Orleans will communicate with you on this subject.

respectfully Yours

Executive Department
Austin April 12th 1861

Messrs Sorley, Smith & Co
Galveston

Gentlemen;

I have just received your favor of the 9th inst, announcing the arrival of the old Texas guns "the two sisters." Please inform me of their character, and whether in an emergency they would be serviceable in your city, and take care of them until you receive further directions.

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Executive Department
Austin April 12th 1861

Lt. Col P. N. Luckett.

Dear Sir,

I take pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of your communication through Captain Edgar.

It is fortunate that you secured the funds which were in the charge of Paymaster Rhett.

The State of Texas has transferred all the property lately owned by the U.S. Government within her limits, to the Government of the Confederate States. Money is Government property according to the Construction of the Commissioners and of the Convention therefore it is thought that the funds now in possession of Judge S. Hart belong to the Confederate States Government. On this subject I will consult the Attorney General of this State and also advise with the authorities at Montgomery. The facts will be communicated to them.

From the preceding conciderations it is deemed advisable that the funds be permitted to remain in possession of Judge Hart, believe they are perfectly safe, until the further disposition is decided upon.

Very respectfully

Executive Department
Austin April 12th 1861

Col H. E. McCulloch

Dear Sir,

I received the morning you left Austin, a letter with your address and sent to my care which I took the liberty of reading, and found as its direction seemed to indicate that it was a letter which you would have entrusted to me. It was from Capt Meickling and alluded to his being Commissioned for that position to which you desired his appointment. I regret very much that it is not within my authority to give to Capt. Meickling the desired authority and to assign him to duty under you. This suggestion however I will make which if occasion to me will amply satisfy your request. Capt Meicklings official position continues under an ordinance of the Convention until the new Texas regiment is organized, and the present troops in service of the State are mustered out of service.

There is no law authorizing me to assign him to any permanent position, however much I might desire to do so. It is impossible for me now to make any provision for the Commanding officers at San Antonio. It is very much to be desired that the command will devolve upon an officer of the Confederate States Army, but the authorities Montgomery have thus far issued no orders to that effect. It is hoped however that they will very soon take the matter into their hands. I trust that there will be no differences between those in command at San Antonio, and that developements will soon occur to enable a proper disposition to be made of the Command.

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Executive Department
Austin April 13th 1861

Col Ben McCulloch

Dear Sir,

I have just received yours of the 6th inst announcing the fact that you had obtained the Colts pistols authorized by the Convention. If this communication reaches you before the first lot of pistols arrives, consign them to H. Runge Esq at Indianola, and the second lot will be sent to the same house, if they do not arrive before they have been forwarded to Galveston. I design sending the pistols to San Antonio where they will be most accessible to the Regiment soon to be received into the Service, and transportation to that point is more easily obtained. It is peculiarly desirable that these pistols should be put in the hands of the Regiment as soon as it is ready for the field and I am satisfied that they will reach their destination in ample time.

Very respectfully

Executive Department
Austin April 13th 1861

Messrs E. B. Nichols & Co
Galveston

Gentlemen;

I am in receipt of a letter from Col Ben McCulloch announcing the fact that five hundred Six Shooters which are a portion of the arms purchased by the State of Texas, would be consigned to you. I have instructed Col McCulloch to forward them directly to Indianola as they are destined to go to San Antonio. My instructions may not reach him before the pistols are shipped, and in that event, I desire you to send them immediately by steamer to the care of H. Runge Esq. Indianola whence provision will be made for their transportation to San Antonio.

Very respectfully

Executive Department
Austin April 13th 1861

Col J. S. Stockdale
Indianola

Dear Sir,

At the time you mentioned the fact in regard to the heavy ordnance at Fort Clark it did not occur to me that it had become a duty entirely within the Confederate States, control. I immediately

however submitted the facts to the agents of that Government in San Antonio. with the request that they have the Cannon sent immediately to Indianola which I trust they have by this time made arrangements for doing.

I wish you would transmit to me your opinion in reference to a suitable person to examine the work of the La Vaca navigation Company; also inform me in relation to those appointments as pilots which were suggested by Mr. Duncan.

Any facts or suggestions referring to the U. S. troops now encamped and arriving at Green Lake will be gratefully received.

Very respectfully

Executive Department
Austin April 15th 1861

Col John R. Baylor
Weatherford

Dear Sir:

Your communication of the 28 ult was received some days ago, and I must alledge an accumulation of Executive business as an excuse for this dilatory reply.

I fully appreciate your desire to remain in service on the Northern frontier and am satisfied that that is the best field for the exercise of the military duties which have been assigned to you. Yet I have not heard from Col Ford since his appointment and it has been impossible to determine upon the disposition which will be made of the Texas regiment. Rest assured however that when the regiment is ready for the field I will do all in my power Consistent with those general arrangements which must be made, to secure to you the Command of the troops destined for that frontier upon which you have already done such gallant service.

Very respectfully

Executive Department
Austin April 15th 1861

Dr B Graham
Sir,

You desired me on the 29th ult to inform you by the bearer of your communication of that date, of the reasons which induced your removal from the superintendency of the State Lunatic Asylum.

In compliance with a reiteration of your request I willingly assure you now as I have previously assured the bearer of your letter, that your removal was prompted by no intention of reflecting in the slightest degree upon your

as a gentleman, or a physician each does most friendly nature. My personal feeling towards you has ever been of the kind

Very respectfully

Executive Department
Austin April 15. 1861

Col C Maclin.
San Antonio

Sir,

The requisition of Captain Edgar for arms & ammt. your approval was received yesterday. It is proper and prudent that the requisition should be complied with but as you are aware the jurisdiction over all former U S. property within our limits has been transferred to the Confederate States Government, the agents of which are now in San Antonio

Will you make the request of said agents that a complement of arms accoutrements and ammunition be entrusted to the care of Capt. Edgar's company in whose hands they may be of great service, and will be perfectly safe.

Yours with great respect

Executive Department
Austin Texas April 16 1861

To E. A. Waite
Col U S Army
San Antonio;

Sir;

Your communication of the 11th inst has been received, announcing the fact that Fifty thousand pounds of bacon have been seized at El Paso by persons acting under authority of the State, and desiring an order for its release.

The impossibility of complying with your request is of course regretted, but nothing can be done by the Executive until he is in possession of the facts and information which will be transmitted by the agents of the State who have seized the property.

Your own statements is of course implicitly relied on but it is essential that those acting for the State should be heard from before any definite action can be taken.

If the report from the latter should indicate that the bacon is unjustly held in possession an order will be issued for its release.

With assurances of the highest esteem
I remain very respectfully yours

Executive Department
Austin April 16th 1861

Col Ben McCulloch
New Orleans

Sir,

Your letter of the 9th inst was received yesterday I had previously instructed you by letter of the 13th inst to send the pistols to St Ringe Neo at Indianola As you will probably have shipped the first lot sometime before this reaches you to Corpus Christi or La Vaca it is of course better that they should all be shipped to the same house. Transportation to this point will be provided for them as soon as possible.

In reference to the Morse Rifles, I can only say that there is no money in the State treasury nor with which to initiate a contract nor will there be any before the contemplated State loan is effected

In obtaining these guns you will of Course give your individual attention, bearing in mind that at present there is no Money in the Treasury.

Very respectfully

Executive Department
Austin April 16th 1861

Henry P. Brewster Esq.
Agt. C. S. Government
San Antonio

Dear Sir,

A requisition has been submitted for my approval for arms &c for Capt Edgar's Company of San Antonio, with which I could not comply, because the jurisdiction over all such property in Texas has been transferred to the Government which you represent.

This Company has been for some time in the service of the State and its services are at present indispensable. It is thoroughly organized but has not a sufficiency of arms to render it effective, and therefore I make this request, that if consistent with your authority you entrust to the Care of this Company a complement of your best arms with accoudrements and a full supply of ammunition.

The arms thus disposed will be entirely safe and may perhaps

of great service -

Very truly yours

Executive Department
Austin April 16. 1861

Col P N. Luckett
Dy. Master & Com'y Genl
San Antonio,

The One thousand pistols purchased by Col Ben McCulloch are now or will very soon be at La Vaca. They are consigned to Crosby & Hensley of that place. I desire to have them transported immediately to this place, and therefore you are requested to make the necessary arrangements for their safe and expeditious Conveyance to Austin. Of course the C.S. agents will be willing to provide you with transportation, if it has passed from under your control.

Bear in mind that these pistols are valuable and must be conveyed with proper caution.

Very truly yours.

Executive Department
Austin April 17. 1861

To

Sir In conformity with a proclamation which is herewith enclosed, you are appointed to enroll immediately, One hundred able bodied men, in the subdistrict to which you are assigned

The proclamation embodies those instructions which are necessary for your guidance. The term of service will be for twelve months unless the forces are sooner discharged.

If it is impossible for you to comply with the requirements of this appointment you will forthwith report your resignation to the Aid de Camp of your district.

Executive Department
Austin Sept 17th 1861

To Col Wm Steele
" J. S. Stockdale
" R. A. Howard

Gentlemen,

You are hereby authorized to require the immediate embarkation of the United States troops now encamped at Brazoria or near Velasco, provided there are enough there to fill up the transports sent for them. If they are sufficiently numerous to prove formidable or to excite apprehension, and are in the least degree dilatory in their departure, you will demand the unconditional surrender of all their arms and munitions of war, proceeding on the assumption that a military necessity supersedes the obligations imposed by the stipulations with Gen Twiggs

Should this demand become essential, and you will exercise the most extreme caution and your utmost discretion in its exercise, you are hereby authorized to invoke the assistance of as many men from the adjacent Counties as will come to your service, and if time permits you will dispatch an express to San Antonio for Col Henry E. McCulloch and the troops now there.

Should this demand in your judgment become necessary, you will exercise in its prosecution the greatest secrecy, taking care to keep the U.S. troops in ignorance of it until you are prepared for its consummation.

Suggesting to you gentlemen, the general idea, that every reasonable precaution is to be exercised in disposing of these troops according to the best interests of the State and the Confederate States, in the present emergency I confide to your judgment and discretion the exercise of that strategic authority which may be required in the emergency.

Executive Department
Austin Texas April 17. 1861

To His Excellency
Jefferson Davis;

Sir,

I have the honor to submit to your consideration the following facts:

On the 3d inst Majr Thomas G. Rhett paymaster in the United States Army and lately stationed at El Paso in Texas arrived in San Antonio. Previous to his arrival it had been ascertained, that there was in his possession a considerable amount of U. S. funds, at the time that the U.S. property in Texas was surrendered to this State. According to the construction placed upon the stipulations entered into between Gen. Twiggs and the com

Inspectors of the State of Texas it is held that money is government property. Therefore the authorized official of this State acting in San Antonio formally demanded of Majr Rhett all the public funds under his control. Majr Rhett complied with this demand by giving in to the Agent of this State, an order on Judge Heath of C C Texas with whom he had left all the public funds under his control for all money subject to his Rhetts order. In compliance with an act of the recently ielature, all the property in Texas lately owned by the U.S. Government is transferred to the government of the Confederate States. Since I have given in structions that the money received from Majr Rhett remain in its present position until disposed of by your government.

I will direct your attention to a single fact in relation to our coast defence. The town of Indianola, at once one of the most important, and most exposed of our seaboard towns has not one piece of ordnance for its defence. There are at Fort Clark, distant more than two hundred miles from the sea Coast, several heavy Guns which are utterly useless at that point and which if transported to Indianola, would enable its fortification to be rendered quite effectual.

Does not prudence suggest that the U.S. Government issue these Cepary orders for having these guns immediately conveyed to Indianola.

I may add that the amount received from Majr. Rhett is probably Twenty Thousand Dollars.

I have the honor to remain
Your Excellency's obedient Servt

Executive Department
Austin April 17. 1861

Thomas M. Joseph
Mayor of Galveston

Sir,

Your letter with accompanying resolutions of the City Council was received this morning.

It is regretted that Texas is herself unable to make arrangements for the effectual fortification of the important City of Galveston.

Rest assured however that prompt measures for your defence will immediately be urged upon the Government at Montgomery.

Yours with great respect

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Executive Department
Austin 18th April 1861

Wm Sackfield Macbir
San Antonio

Sir,

Your application for leave of absence was duly received. You are informed ere this of the threatening appearance which affairs in our Country have assumed, and it is more than probable that Texas will soon have need of all the Military experience and ability within her limits. Hence I think it best for you to delay your departure from the State, at least for a little while.

Very respectfully

Executive Department
Austin April 18. 1861

P. N. Luckett
San Antonio

Colonel;

Your communication with accompanying report of the gentleman to investigate the Grant train affair was duly received.

From the facts elicited it is determined to take the train in immediate charge, and retain it until further disposition is made of it; and you will take prompt measures to carry out this determination in the most advantageous manner.

Very respectfully Yours

Executive Department
Austin April 17. 1861

Gen. Hugh McLeod
Galveston

Sir;

You are appointed aide de Camp to the Governor for the immediate purpose of superintending the organization of Five hundred men in the district to which you are assigned. The accompanying proclamation embodies the instructions which are necessary for your guidance. In the event of the resignation of any one of the enrolling officers designated in your district, you will immediately make a judicious appointment in the subdistrict

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in which the resignation takes place, to fill the vacancy. After the organization is effected your appointment will continue only so long as it is agreeable to you and it will in no manner interfere with your attainment to any position in either of the regiments which you may desire.

Wishing you prompt and complete success in the performance of this duty I remain very truly Yours.

Note to the above, Capt Edwards the appointee as enrolling officer for Harris is on duty on the Rio Grande, and it will therefore be necessary for you to make a judicious selection to fill the vacancy.

Yours &c

Letters similar to the above sent to Jos. A. Hogg of Rusk Cherokee County, Aug. Buckell, Indianola, Calhoun County, M. T. Locke of Gilmer, Upshur County, J. H. Murray Huntsville, Walker County and Thomas Green Austin Travis County

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Executive Department
Austin April 20th 1861

Sir:

A requisition has been received at this department from Col Van Horn U.S.A commanding in Texas for two thousand volunteers for immediate service. I desire therefore that you will march the "Dallas Light Artillery" Company fully armed and equipped to this place at the earliest practicable moment, I have reason to believe their services will be needed at San Antonio in a few days.

It is earnestly hoped that your Company will respond promptly to this call, as the service for which they are needed is pressing and important.

I had determined to call your company into service under the previous requisition from the War Department for 3000 men, but this last requisition is for the immediate service of troops and will not admit of delay.

It is expected that you will provide for the subsistence of your Company on its march, and for this purpose you are authorized to make any necessary purchases of supplies and pledge the faith of the State for the payment thereof.

Very respectfully

To Gen. J. J. Good
Dallas.

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Executive Department
Austin April 20. 1861

Lt Col John C. Baylor

Dear Sir,

Advices received on yesterday, from Col Ford render your presence here to attend to the organization of your regiment necessary. You are therefore, if compatible with the frontier interest, required to report yourself here for duty with the utmost dispatch.

Very respectfully yours

Executive Department
Austin April 20. 1861

Sir,

A requisition has been made upon me by Col Van Dorn U.S.A. commanding in Texas for Two thousand volunteers for immediate service as infantry. Col Van Dorn is now en route from Galveston to San Antonio.

I have been informed that you have a force already organized under your command. I desire therefore that you will immediately march with all the force under your command, and such others as will join you from the adjoining Counties, fully armed and equipped to San Antonio and there report to Col Van Dorn at the earliest practicable moment. You are aware that all the arms taken from the United States have been turned over to the Confederate States, and the State of Texas has not a sufficient supply of arms to furnish the volunteers called into service. I am not advised what arms the Confederate States have at San Antonio, but I would advise that the volunteers supply themselves with such arms as they can procure at home until better can be furnished. You will make provision for the subsistence of the troops under your command, and for that purpose you are authorized to make all nescessary Contracts on behalf of the State.

It is earnestly hoped that the force under your command will respond promptly to this call, as the service for which they are called out is pressing and important.

I have the honor to be
your obt. servant.

To Majr Wm C Scurry.
Clinton
De Witt County
Texas.

Executive Department
Austin April 20 1861

Col P. N. Luckett
San Antonio

Sir,

Your communication of the 16th inst is before me. In my order of the 8th inst this important provision was overlooked, that the language of the ordinance "providing in part for the military defence of the State of Texas" "That such portion of the public property now belonging to the State of Texas whether the same may consist of arms, munitions of war, army stores, transportation or any other thing which may be needful or necessary for the service, shall be and is hereby appropriated for the use of said service and shall be delivered to such officers or persons as may be authorized to demand and recieve the same upon the requisition of the proper officer for the purpose aforesaid" Hence you will detain such of the property under your control as may be necessary to comply with the above provision of the Ordinance referred to.

You are likewise directed to assume control of the transfer of all the property in the Quartermasters and Commissary departments within the State to the Confederate States government in compliance with the 5th section of an Ordinance adopted in Convention 12th of March 1861; with the exception of such property as is to be reserved in accordance with the ordinance before alluded to adopted in Convention 18th March 1861

You will strictly comply with the requirements of the aforesaid ordinances in all your transactions.

Very respectfully

Executive Department
Austin April 20. 1861

Col Sackfield Maclin
San Antonio.

My order of the 8th inst directing the transfer of all government property under your control, was not designed to include the delivery of such arms &c as would be necessary for the use of the Regiment authorized by an ordinance adopted in Convention on the 18th day of March 1861 entitled "An ordinance to provide in part for the Military defence of the State of Texas" You will be guided in your transfer of the property in the department under your control, by virtue of an ordinance concerning arms, Quartermaster Ordnance and Commissary stores &c" adopted in Convention on the 12th of March 1861 in all respects by the ordinance of March 18th 1861 before referred to and especially by the 7th Section of said ordinance.

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Very respectfully

Executive Department
Austin April 20. 1861

Col Augustus Jones
Gonzales

Dear Sir,

Understanding that you command an organized force in your County, of volunteers I desire to say to you that your services are required in San Antonio immediately. I desire that you concentrate the forces which you command and report yourself to Col Van Dorn at San Antonio. Col Van Dorn will direct your action.

Please write to me immediately

Very respectfully

Executive Department
Austin April 20. 1861

Col Earl Van Dorn
Commanding Dept. of Texas

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 16th inst.

The call which you have made in this State is unhesitatingly approved and I desire to assure to you the prompt cooperation of the Executive of Texas in any military movement which you may contemplate within our limits. You have ere this, I presume disposed of the U. S. troops at Green Lake. The adjutant Genl of Texas was some days ago dispatched to Indianola to effect the same object

All volunteers within the vicinity of San Antonio are ordered to concentrate immediately at that point. It is appropriate in this connection to say that many of the troops which will go to San Antonio will not perhaps be willing to be mustered into the service for any regular term; they spring into the field on the emergency, and will consent to move from point to point only while there is a prospect of immediate action

You will perceive by reference to a Proclamation addressed to the people of Texas that I am organizing with the utmost expedition a force of three thousand men (infantry) for the U. S. Army. These troops (or any portion of them will be subject to your command, and if you will advise me to th

effect, I will order them as rapidly as they may become organized, to repair to San Antonio for the purpose of being mustered into the service of the Confederate States.

I have dispatched expresses to the following gentlemen ordering them to rendezvous, without a moments delay at San Antonio to report to you, and hold themselves in readiness for any immediate movement which you may contemplate.

Majr. Wm R. Scurry of De Witt County who is at present I am informed in command of some three or four hundred men. He should be able to reach San Antonio by the 27th at the latest.

Col Augustus Dove of Gonzales, commanding Gonzales regiment about half full.

Lieut Alex Trible of Seguin. He is to bring a full company and perhaps Dr F. Bracht of New Braunfels who can afford a company of German Infantry.

I have also dispatched an order to Gen John J. Good of Dallas who commands a well disciplined and equipped company of artillery to march forthwith to this point and I will send him immediately to you if it is necessary. He can get to San Antonio by about the 28th

I will also endeavor to send a company from this City and as many more Texans as the emergency seems to demand

For the present you are authorized to command all State Troops which may be coneidered necessary for the accomplishment of your designs

I trust you will communicate with me frequently and keep me informed as to the progress of events

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servant.

Executive Department
Austin April 20. 1861

Dr Felix Bracht
New Braunfels,

In the contemplation of an emergency which may very soon occur at or near San Antonio, and having full confidence in your fidelity and ability, I desire you to raise an infantry Company immediately in your town and vicinity, and to hold it in readiness to march at a moments warning to San Antonio. You will be held subject to the orders of Col Van Dorn commanding this department of the C. S. A. Your service will be only of a temporary character, unless it is desired to be mustered into a more permanent service.

The Executive feels perfectly confident that in person the Citizens of New Braunfels will with pride and alacrity respond to this call upon their patriotism.

If it is impossible for you to engage in raising this Company I shall entrust it to your discretion to appoint some efficient man who will effect it with promptitude.

Very respectfully

Executive Department
Austin April 20. 1861

Col Henry E. McCulloch
San Antonio

Sir;

I acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 13th.

The train destined for Arizona has ere this been taken possession of in pursuance of my orders to that effect.

The arms turned over by Gen Twiggs have also I am informed been given up.

By the time this reaches you Col Van Dorn will have reached San Antonio to take command of this Military department, and his arrival of course supersedes the necessity of complying with your request to control the State forces. I will communicate with Col Van Dorn in regard to the control of these forces.

You are requested to assume the Command of all the Texas forces at San Antonio, provided Col Van Dorn has not reached that place.

In consequence of dispatches recieved this day from Col Van Dorn I will suggest the propriety of retaining a considerable force at San Antonio until you hear from him, for it is highly probable they will be needed at that point.

respectfully Yours

Executive Department
Austin April 20. 1861

Capt C. R. Pyron
San Antonio

Sir.

The moment your company is organized you will present yourself to Col S. Maclin to be mustered into the service.

You will then report to Col Earl Van Dorn, and hold yourself in obedience to his orders. If he does not require your services you will proceed

forthwith to El Paso and garrison the military post in that vicinity and afford the nes cepary protection to the surrounding country.

Executive Department
Austin April 20. 1861

Capt Dan. D. Shea

Sir,

You are hereby appointed to enroll a company of men for the infantry service of the State of Texas.

You are expected to secure for this service any well drilled and disciplined men who may desire to enter the service

So soon as your Company organization is complete you will report the fact to this department and present yourself for orders to Col Earl Van Dorn. C.S.A.

Very respectfully

Executive Department
Austin April 20. 1861

Col S. Maclin

Sir,

I have ordered Capt Pyron to report the organization of his company to you, and as it is required for immediate service, I desire you to muster it into the service of the State and report the fact to this department

Very respectfully.

Executive Department
Austin April 20. 1861

To Alex Tribble
Seguin

Sir,

In contemplation of an emergency which may in a few days occur at or near San Antonio I desire you to raise a compa ny immediately and have it in readiness to march to San Antonio at a mo= ments warning. You will hold yourself subject to the orders of Col E. Van Dorn of the C. S. A. You may receive instructions from him in three

or four days to respond to his command with alacrity.

This service will be only of a temporary character, although you may be desired to muster in for some months.

Having full confidence in your patriotism I make the above call on you and hope it will be received with a hearty response.

I may add that in the temporary service contemplated above your company is required to arm and equip themselves.

Very respectfully

Executive Department
Austin April 21 1861

Capt W Browne Botts
Houston

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 15th inst was received yesterday,

I thank you and your gallant company for your patriotic offer of service to the State and while I cannot unless Capt Edwards is unable to take the place tendered him in my call for 3000 men, give you position in said force will still in view of the imminence of War accept your offer.

If you would like the position assigned Capt Edwards in case he fails to accept it, you had better correspond with Gen. McLeod my aid at Galveston who has instructions upon the subject.

As your services may be needed very soon, you will hold your company in readiness to march to any point where your presence may be needed at a moments notice.

I will notify my aid at Galveston and Indianola of the acceptance of your Company and invest them with authority to direct your services according to the exigencies of the public interest.

I am very respectfully &c

Executive Department
Austin April 22. 1861

Capt John Donelson
Fort Ewell

Sir,

Your communication of the 17th was duly received.

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— The companies of yourself Capt Nolan, and Capt Littleton will be continued in the service. Some of the ten enrolling officers will be diverted or dispensed with as may be necessary. You will continue in your present capacity until you are mustered into the Texa regiment. Of course you will be required to present a full Company (100 men) for the service. The time, place, and manner of your being mustered in is not determined upon; but you will pursue your present duty until you are notified of that fact.

Very truly Yours

Executive Department
Austin April 22. 1861

Hon A B Robertson
Independence

Sir,

I am in receipt of your Communication of the 17th inst referring to an appointment of Notary Public. Mr. Alexander's appointment was sent in to the Senate, but it was not Confirmed. The name of Mr Haynes was then recommended and of Course the Executive could do nothing else than submit his appointment to the Legislature which was done.

Very truly.

Executive Department
Austin April 22. 1861

To J. A. Wilcox,

Sir,

In your communication of the 19th inst you ask permision to raise a regiment for the Confederate States Army. The only men to be raised at present for that service are provided for in my proclamation issued on the 17th inst. By reference to it you will percieve that the men will be raised by enrolling officers and organized by the election of their officers, Company as well as regimental, so that it is impossible for me at present to comply with your request. It is hoped however, that you will raise a regiment any how and hold it in reserve for it may very soon be required.

Very respectfully Yours.

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Executive Department
Austin April 22. 1861

Captain;

In my orders of the 20th inst you are required to proceed at once to El Paso in the event you were not detained by Col Van Dorn.

On the receipt of this Communication you will delay your departure for El Paso until you receive orders from Majr Waller of your regiment who is now in Austin; remain with Col Van Dorn who in a few days will be joined by Majr Waller with four companies of the Texas regiment.

To Captain Chas L. Pyron
San Antonio
Texas.

Very respectfully

Executive Department
Austin April 22. 1861

H. Wickelard Esq
Houston

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 20th inst tendering the services of the "Turner Rifles" a company of the City of Houston, is just received.

I feel greatly obliged to the Company for their patriotic offer and compliment you for the very appropriate manner in which you have made known their desire.

Having provided for the requisition made upon me by the Confederate Government before your letter came, I cannot nor of course make room for the "Rifles" under that call. I will however accept their offer in view of future necessities; and desire that they be at all times ready to march upon short notice to any point indicated. Of course they cannot be put upon any pay until ordered into service

Very truly yours.

Executive Department
Austin April 22 1861

General,

Your letter of the 17th inst has been received and the suggestions therein made duly considered.

I have been officially informed from the War Department at Montgomery that the Government of the Confederate States has assumed the control of military affairs in Texas and that Col Van Dorn C.S.A. has been appointed com.

mandant of this State. I have also received official information from Col Van Dorn that he has assumed command. It is my desire that no collision shall occur between the authorities of the Confederate States and the State of Texas, and in so far as Col Van Dorn shall assume to control military operations in any part of the State that his authority shall be obeyed.

Subject to this restriction I approve of your appointment as commandant of the City and Port of Galveston and hereby authorize you to command and control all the State forces now in or hereafter to assemble at Galveston for the defence of that City.

In regard to the Ammunition now in San Antonio, I am not able to do anything for the reason that all the Arms and Ammunition and materials of war taken from the United States have been turned over to the Confederate States. And moreover from the schedule thereof forwarded to me it appears that the supply at that place is so limited that I would not deem it prudent to remove any portion of it if I had authority.

I trust that you and the Citizens of Galveston will appreciate the fact that I have little or no arms and munitions of war at my command, and no money with which to procure them. I hope however, you will use your best efforts to put Galveston in an efficient state of preperation to meet any attack which may be made upon it.

I have the honor to be General
Your obt Servt

To Genl Sidney Sherman
Galveston.

Executive Office
Austin April 23 1861

Majr Edwin Waller Jr.

Dear Sir.

The remainder of the Pistols at Alleyton after taking out such number as may be necessary to arm your Command or such number thereof as may not now be supplied with revolvers, you will safely store at Alleyton subject to my order. You will advise me of the number you may appropriate, and it is supposed you may not want more than two hundred and fifty, if so many. This caution is necessary because Texas is very destitute of arms and these arms are intended for our troops.

Allow me to remark that it would be prudent in the distribution of these arms, to take the receipt of each soldier to whom you deliver one, for the same to be accounted for at the time of his settlement with the State.

Very respectfully

42.

Executive Department
Austin April 23. 1861

Capt. A. N. Fort
Shelbyville
Sir,

The company which you were appointed to enroll is required to present itself at San Antonio on the 10th of May, at which time it will be mustered into the regiment authorized by an Ordinance of the Convention for the defence of the frontier. Maj. Edwin Waller who is now in Austin, will control the organization of the regiment until superseded by a superior officer. No information has yet been received of the Completion of the Company which you were authorized to enroll, and if you cannot have it in San Antonio by the 10th prox you will be assigned to some other service. as soon as your organization is effected report it to this office

respectfully Yours

Executive Department
Austin April 23. 1861

A. M. Whaley
Centreville
Texas
Sir,

You are informed that in the organization of the regiment authorized by an ordinance of the Convention, it becomes a necessity to disappoint some of those gentlemen who were appointed to enroll Companies. The companies already in the service are entitled to the preference by virtue of an express provision of the Ordinance. Many of them have insisted upon this priority and they must have it. to the exclusion of many of the earlier Companies. I regret this necessity, but so it is.

It is urgently requested of you, however, to preserve your organization and hold your Company in perfect readiness. An additional service is almost certain, if not quite so, and if it does come yours will be one of the Companies entitled to the preference,

Very respectfully.

Note: A letter similar to the above was written same day to each of the following gentlemen:

A. M. Crawford of Harrison County
Peter Hardeman " Nacogdoches County

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Executive Department
Austin April 23 1861

Col P. N. Luckett.

Sir.

Your communication of the 19th inst was duly received. You were instructed in my order of the 18th inst to take the train under charge of Francis Lavis Esq into your profession which of course you have done. You will retain it to the best advantage until you are instructed.

Refer the subject to Col Van Dorn as the Commanding officer of this dept of the C. S. which government I desire to have control of the subject.

I have not yet been able to refer the bill of Mitchell Green and Pate to the Attorney General. It will be done before the next Mail leaves.

Very respectfully.

Executive Department
Austin April 23 1861

Col S. Maclin
San Antonio

Sir,

The invoice of all the ordnance turned over to the agent of the Confederate States, the receipt for the Arsenal and grounds, and the receipts for all ordnance and ordnance stores &c which have been issued were duly received at this Department

Very respectfully

Executive Department
Austin April 23. 1861

Col Col P. N. Luckett.

Capt Hammer's Company is ordered to march immediately to San Antonio to reach that point on the 10th prox. This Company is destitute of transportation and provisions and if it is possible for you to provide them with transportation and provisions you will do so. Lieut Baylor who conveys this to you is authorized to receive these articles and to proceed to meet the Company. He will require wagons sufficient for the transportation of about six days rations, and the ordinary equipments of a company of One hundred mounted men.

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Executive Office
Austin April 24. 1861

Hon W. S. Oldham
Montgomery
Dear Sir,

I have received your three letters, the last one of the 20th inst and would have replied to the two former ere this, but the exigencies of the times have so constantly engaged my attention, as to preclude the possibility of regarding individual correspondence.

It was entirely unnecessary for you to have excused yourself for your suggestions to me in regard to the policy of Texas. I shall always receive with pleasure your Counsel and advice.

You will perceive from my proclamation of the 17th and of today that I have adopted the same idea which you suggest in relation to the forces asked for by the War Department of the Confederate States, and in addition have urged our citizens to form volunteer reserve companies to be ready for service at a moments warning.

It may be that under the emergency of the times I may place at least Six Thousand troops in readiness to respond to my requisition, and indeed my acts go to that extent or beyond it. This of course is outside of the demands of the Confederate States, but will be in subservience to their authority to some extent.

I thank yourself and Judge Nemphill very greatly for your efforts in endeavoring to have our State troops received into the service of the Confederate States, You will ascertain that I have been trying to accomplish the same object, and I trust that your efforts will succeed.

I have now upon the State a requisition for Eight Thousand men as my proclamations indicate for permanent service under the Confederate States and for Two thousand immediately and temporarily under Col Davidson - to both of which I have responses and that too with a just reliance on the patriotism of the people.

But there is one fact in regard to this call for troops which is somewhat objectionable; and the objection will at once commend itself to yourself and to the Texas delegation. It is that our whole quota is required to be infantry (excepting a very few companies of artillery). Now you are aware that while our people are ever ready to respond to any call from their Country they have a decided predilection for a particular service - and that is the Cavalry - for which they are peculiarly adapted I am satisfied that the people of the State will without hesitation comply with the call which has been made upon them, but I desire you and all others of the Texas delegation to induce a change of orders, if consistent with the public requirements - in part if not altogether in order to permit a part of the Texas troops to be mounted. If this is effected I am satisfied that a greater degree of alacrity will be exercised in raising the men asked for from Texas You know full well that our State can furnish the best and bravest horsemen in the world and if Cavalry is needed we must not be neglected.

Very truly,

45.

Executive Department
Austin April 24. 1861

Col D. H. Murray
Huntsville
Sir,

The Executive has this day received an order from the War Department at Montgomery dated 16th inst calling on the Governor of Texas for Five Thousand volunteers in addition to the requisition of 3000 volunteers received some days since.

In view of the imminency of the danger now overshadowing the country you are hereby authorized to raise a regiment of volunteers (infantry) in the most expeditious manner you may see fit to adopt, either by appointing enrolling officers or calling for Companies already organized.

This order will not interfere with the order issued on the 19th inst to raise five Companies in the 4th division.

The Executive has every reason to believe all the Companies called for will be needed by the time they can be raised. The forces raised under this order will arm, equip, and hold themselves in readiness to march at a moments warning.

If you prefer to engage under this call, you will transfer your authority as "aid de camp to the Governor" to R. H. Powell of Montgomery County who will appoint an enrolling officer for the counties of Montgomery Grimes and Walker.

Executive Department
Austin April 29th 1861

Mr M Queen
Alleyton
Sir,

In compliance with your favor of the 27th inst. I this day start to you Dr. A. J. Embree with a detachment of men and transportation for the pistols. You will deliver to him all the boxes in your possession which belong to the State

Very respectfully

46.

Executive Office
Austin April 25 1861

Col Jno C. Ford

Dear Sir,

Additional to the reply to your dispatch received last evening about 10 o'clk I desire to address you this note.

I have for several days, in consequence of the newspaper rumors felt great solicitude about the Rio Grande border and your command Your dispatches relieve me to some extent of that anxiety.

I avail myself of this opportunity to return to you and your gallant men my sincere thanks for the valuable services you have already performed, and to express to you my entire confidence in your zeal and patriotism for any future emergency which may arise I admire the spirit of subordination and the desire for improvement which you represent as existing in your command. Your troops are fortunate in having an able and impartial commander.

I feel greatly obliged to our Mexican neighbors, for their kind offices to you, and reciprocate and desire to cherish their kindly disposition towards us.

There is no reason why they and ourselves should be other than friends and I desire you to assure the authorities of Mexico near you that it is the disposition of Texas and of the Confederate states to maintain the most kind and friendly relations with them.

I approve your course in regard to the insurrectionary or treasonable move in Zapata Such outbreaks are to be suppressed by all means and the leaders if they can be detected and apprehended will be visited with all the power & majesty of the law. I would be obliged to you to advise me as far as you possibly can, of all officials in your region who fail or have failed to take the oath prescribed by the Convention.

I will immediately communicate with Maj: Waller and endeavor to hasten his return to you. If any emergency arises send to me immediately I desire to be constantly advised of affairs in your department.

Should any U S troops attempt to pass from Texas by your command they are to be disarmed and made prisoners. They may be discharged upon parole.

I may have omitted some things which I should have noticed but I design communicating with you soon again.

I have seen Miss Fannie in person and delivered your letter; she sends one to you herewith. Your friends are well and glad to hear from you. My highest regards to your gallant command. Congratulating you upon your final success and especially upon your recent marriage

I am

Very truly your friend

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Executive Department
-- Austin April 25. 1861

Col J. S. Ford
York Brown
Sir.

Yours of the 16th inst accompanying communications from Henry Redmond, William Edwards May commanding Ringgold barracks & L. P Austin first Lieut Com, Co. Co. with answers thereto have been duly recieved and I thank you for your prompt action in forwarding the same and reporting operations.

I am glad to learn that your command is steadily progressing in drill and discipline, and that in a short while you will forward a report showing the strength and organization of the different departments. This will be necessary to know the manner in which affairs have been conducted in that military district.

I approve of your endeavors to cultivate a friendly feeling between the military authorities of Texas and those of Mexico I sincerely hope that the same feeling will prevail throughout that country.

As to the probable return of Cortinas with his band of robbers I will only say that I expect you will screw your energies to the highest pitch to give them a warm reception, and if Captured hold them to be dealt with according to law.

In regard to the movement in Zapata County by an organized and armed band of thirty or forty Mexicans for the purpose of preventing the officers from taking the oath prescribed by the Convention, I desire you to use your utmost exertions in suppressing the same.

All the force of this Government will if necessary, be brought to bear to sustain you in quelling the insurrection.

The exclusion of the forces under your command was an unintentional oversight caused by the great pressure of applications made by members of the Convention and Legislature. I however am happy to say that I have already concerted measures with Major Edwin Waller who has been sent to remedy the evil. The Major has issued orders to those companies not in the service which will be received, to report at San Antonio on the 10th of May and I have ordered Lieut Col Baylor to this place whence he will proceed to San Antonio.

I will at the earliest possible moment send you additional forces.

Very truly
Your obt. Servt

Executive Department
Austin April 27. 1861

Col Sackfield Maclin
San Antonio

Dear Sir.

Having received a communication from Col A.C. McCulloch dated on the 22nd inst apprizing me of the withdrawal of his Command from that City to Indianola under the order of Gen Van Dorn I have to day ordered Capt B. F Carter's Company to march to San Antonio to aid in protecting, and defending that place until their services may be dispensed with. It is expected that this Company while at San Antonio and upon its return to this place will be sustained by the Confederate authorities

Very respectfully

Executive Department
Austin April 29. 1861

Dr J. a Embree
Sir,

You are hereby authorized to proceed at once to Halletsville in Colorado County and there demand and receive from M. Quin freight agent of the B B. B. & K. R R. Co fifteen boxes of merchandize (or so many thereof as have not been otherwise disposed of by Edwin Waller Jr. Major of the Texas regiment mounted Volunteers) and bring them to this place.

You will be furnished with the requisite transportation and are required to take men to serve as an escort for aforesaid merchandize You will make the trip with the least possible delay.

Should you be interrupted by any one in the fulfilment of this mission you will demand of the authorities of the County in which you may be sufficient aid to protect the property under your charge and insure its safety

Very respectfully

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Executive Department
Austin April 29. 1861

Robert M. White Esq.
Belton.

Sir,

You are hereby authorized to raise a company of Infantry of One hundred men rank and file for the service of the Confederate government and hold it in readiness to march when ordered. Of course the company will not receive pay until called into the service. You must return your muster roll to the adjutant General here, when your company is organized.

Executive Department
Austin April 29. 1861

Gen Ben McCulloch
Columbus

Dear Sir,

On yesterday I wrote to you touching the purchase of arms &c for the State and saying that I would forward you the requisite authority by to days mail

Upon consultation and the intelligence this morning received, I do not feel fully authorized to make the purchase for the present or that it is absolutely necessary to do so instanter.

Very respectfully

Executive Department
Austin Texas April 30. 1861

Henry W. Allen
Baton Rouge
La.

Sir,

Your letter of the 28th ult. announcing the presentation of the "Twin Sisters" by the State of Louisiana to the State of Texas was duly received, and it is only an extraordinary pressure of official business that has occasioned this dilatory acknowledgement of the act of the greatest courtesy on the part of your State.

The return to us of these Twin workers of our first independence will ever be held in grateful remembrance by the people of Texas. Their presence among us, surrounded, as they are by the halo of a heroic past

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Executive Department
Austin April 30. 1861

Col J. H. Leppett
San Antonio
Dear

Your communication of the 26th inst. before me.

All the Regular and Reg. Militia of the State regiments are being rapidly concentrated at San Antonio, and they will constitute the organization which is to take place on the 1st of May.

The disposition which you have made of Hi Grant train is entirely approved. When Col Van Horn returns home with the contract the entire subject entrusted to him [illegible] I do not desire a division into jurisdictions with the Confederate States Govt. It is specially important that it should manage every thing which relates to military matters within our State limits.

I add this suggestion. As the State regiments now in process of organization has not been and may not be received into the service of the Confederate States they are to be held responsible for the maintenance, and in the transfer of property under your control I desire you to act with reference to that contingency.

The account of Messrs Green, Mitchell and Wade was referred to the Attorney General. He did not hesitate to express it and coincide in the aforesaid.

Very respectfully

51.

Executive Department
Austin April 30th 1861

Col S. Maclin
San Antonio

Sir.

In my Communication of the 29th inst I informed you that an Infantry Company from Austin commanded by Capt Carter had been ordered to San Antonio. I have countermanded that order and the Company remains here. This was done from the fact that information was received that Col H. E. McCulloch command would return to San Antonio before any troops would be required at that point. In addition there will be several companies of the Texas regiment at the same place before the week is over. These together with the forces from San Antonio and some companies from adjacent Counties which will report to you, and the artillery company of Gen Good which will reach San Antonio by the 10th of May will amply suffice for the intended purpose.

I will communicate with you by the next mail in relation to the arms which are to have been received for the use of the Texas regiment.

Very respectfully

Executive Department
Austin May 1st 1861

Sir;

In reply to your letter of the 14th inst I have the pleasure to inform you that there is no intention of removing you from the superintendency of the State Penitentiary.

To Thos Carothers
Huntsville

Very respectfully

Executive Department
Austin May 1st 1861

Captain;

I have this day dispatched for the purpose of meeting you two wagons, each loaded with two hundred rations and a supply of forage for the wagon mules.

These wagons will be reported to you and are intended to furnish your command with transportation and rations

to this point.

Very respectfully

Yr. Capt. W. A. Hammer.

Executive Department
Austin May 1st 1861

To Capt J. J. Goode,

I have this day dispatched on the road to Dallas three wagons, each loaded with two hundred rations, and a supply of forage for the wagon mules.

I have instructed that one of these wagons be reported to you and accompany you to this place. The other two will proceed on towards Dallas until they meet Capt Hammers company.

If Col Baylor is with you, you will please ask him to give instructions in regard to the wagons destined for Capt Hammers command,

Very respectfully

Executive Department
Austin May 1st 1861

George Hancock Esq.
Austin

Sir,

Understanding that you are the agent of General Harney and that the cannon at this place near this City belong to him individually, I esteem it my duty to say to you that I have this day in view of the public exigencies taken possession of them for the use of the State,

Very respectfully

53.

Austin City March 1st 1861

To His Excellency Edward Clark,

I am in receipt of your note of to day informing me that you had taken possession of the Cannon belonging to Genl Harney "in view of the public exigencies."

The acknowledgment in your note of the cannon being private property and my being the agent of the owner, and the further fact that I in person informed you recently that I intended them for the use of the "Home Guards" authorizes me to inquire whether it is in contemplation to send them from this vicinity.

Very respectfully
Geo. Nancock

Executive Office
Austin May 1st 1861

Geo. Nancock
Austin

Dear Sir,

Your note of this date in reply to mine informing you that I had taken possession of the Cannon which were upon the premises of General Harney is received.

As to the Cannon being private property, or you being agent of General Harney I know nothing except from common report.

I know of no exigency at this time, which will induce me to send said Cannon from this vicinity.

I am very respectfully

Executive Department
Austin May 2d 1861

Col S. Maclin,
San Antonio

Sir,

I write to you with the hope that some arrangement may be made, by which the mounted troops, now being prepared for the Service of the State, may be armed with a portion of those arms recently received from the Government of the United States.

The ordinance of the Convention providing in part for the military defence of the State guarantees that the troops raised in pursuance

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thereof shall be supplied with a portion of those arms obtained as aforesaid
an act of the Legislature on this same ordinance says that the arms lately
received from the U. S. shall upon the requisition of the proper officer be
delivered to the agent of the Confederate States.

This act conditions the transfer of arms upon the requisition of the pro-
per officer, and it was not supposed that this requisition would include re-
servations which is made in the ordinance. Hence the fault, which was an om-
ission was in my first requisition upon you. It was not in my power to make
a requisition in contravention to the evident provision of the ordinance.

I trust you will be pleased to consider the matter in this light and re-
fer it to Mr Brewster and with him arrange it so that the Companies called
into service under said ordinance may receive the arms necessary for them.

Very respectfully.

Executive Department
Austin May 3rd 1861

Dear Sir:

In your letter of the 22nd April you express your readiness for the in-
fantry service. This I am glad to know and accordingly request you to organ-
ize your company immediately and report the fact to Adj. Genl Byrd at Aus-
tin. As soon as the five thousand men called for in my last proclamation
are required for the service your company will be called into the field.

To Hon D M Short
Shelbyville
Texas

Very respectfully

Executive Department
Austin May 3rd 1861

Hon D. M. Bailey,
Sir,

I recently communicated to you the fact that it would be impo-
ssible for your Company to be received into C S Army regiments. Believing that it would be
agreeable to you to raise your infantry Company for service under the Confederate States I
herewith enclose you my proclamation which makes a call for five thousand troops.
Raise a company of Infantry - report the same to Adj Gen Byrd at Austin and when
the five thousand are ordered into service your company shall be among the first.

Very respectfully,

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Executive Department
Austin May 4. 1861

Col John R. Baylor

Sir.

Now will proceed at once to San Antonio to effect the organization of the regiment commanded by Col Ford as I am informed that he cannot be there himself.

Yours &c

Executive Department
Austin May 5th 1861

Col C. Van Dorn
San Antonio

Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 16th April to order about Two thousand troops to rendezvous at San Antonio - in addition to others I immediately ordered the light Artillery Company of Capt John J. Good of Dallas, to repair to San Antonio. Capt Good reached this City yesterday and I sent him right on to you The guns of the Company were left here because they were deemed unfit for the service and it will be necessary for you to equip it from the San Antonio Arsenal if you desire it for Artillery service.

I trust this Company will reach the point of rendezvous in time to be of immediate service to you. This is one of the Companies which I had designed for service under the Confederate States in accordance with a requisition upon this State from the Secretary of war for three thousand men - two or three companies of which are permitted to be Artillery.

If you desire to muster Capt Goods Company into the service of the Confederate States and if the Company are willing to accept the service, receive it and it will be in precise accordance with my wishes.

Congratulating You Sir upon your recent Succession and reassuring you of my Cooperation whenever it may be of any avail

I remain very truly

Executive Department
Austin May 6th 1861

Sir

Your resignation of the office of adjutant and Inspector General and Chief of Ordnance, bearing date the 20th of April, is received and accepted.

Your administration of the duties of the office conferred upon you by an ordinance of the Convention has given the utmost satisfaction; and while the loss of your services, immediately to the State, is much to be regretted, yet I congratulate you on your change to a more enlarged sphere of action, in which your usefulness to the Confederate States will be increased, and to the State of Texas will be continued.

With assurances Sir, of my highest Consideration
I remain very truly

To Maj. Sackfield Maclin
San Antonio

Executive Department
Austin May 6th 1861

Col Earl Van Dorn
San Antonio

Dear Sir,

I desire very much to have an interview with you, and if, after the remaining U. S. troops in Texas have been disposed of, it is possible and agreeable for you to do so I should esteem it as a great favor if you would visit Austin.

The vulnerable condition of our sea Coast, the Concentration of the U. S. troops at Ft Washita near our Northern frontier, and the general military defence of the State, are subjects, in relation to which I wish to consult you, and which cannot be thoroughly comprehended or understood between us by means of Correspondence.

I have the honor to be
Very truly Yr. obt. Servt.

Executive Department
Austin May 7th 1861

Capt Webb,

Dear Sir;

I received your communication by Messrs Record and McCormack on sunday evening last. They reached here only a few hours after Col Baylor had left for San Antonio. I advised them to follow

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and overtake him; Mr Record did, and has just returned with orders from him for you. I am very sorry that you should have been misled as to where you should go. Col Johnson and Wright certainly misunderstood me if they informed you that I desired you to go to Camp Cooper. Indeed I have no recollection of having had any conversation with Col Wright about your Company; I feel equally sure that I could not have sent any instructions to you by either of them, as I always intended to leave the place of your mustering into service to your Col. If I had intended to control you in the matter I should have sent you written orders of Course. I hope however that things will get turn out right and to the satisfaction of your Company.

Very respectfully Yr. obt. Servt.

Executive Department
Austin May 9th 1861

Sir,

Your communication of the 30th ult was referred to the Adjutant General, who will promptly answer its essential points.

The defenceless condition of Matagorda Bay and its entrance have been fully represented to the Government at Montgomery and it is confidently believed that the requisite protection will soon be afforded. I am now maturing a plan for the organization of the entire Military force of Texas and which if successful will repel any attempted invasion upon our sea Coast.

Very respectfully

Aug. Buchel
Aid de Camp.

Executive Department
Austin Texas May 9. 1861

Hon B F Neal
Corpus Christi

Dear Sir;

Your communication of the 2nd inst has been received.

The defenceless condition of our sea coast has been fully represented to the authorities at Montgomery, and it is confidently believed that the C. S. Government will afford us the essential protection.

Your application for a commission to raise men will be favorably considered, should I make any appointments of that character. Under the requisition for 5000 men received from the Confederate States I make

a general call upon the people, in accordance with which if you will raise a company (infantry) and report it to the Asjutant General, it will be received and subject to the orders of the Confederate States.

I am now preparing a plan which if successful in its operation will place the militia of the State upon an effective war footing and enable us to repel any attempted invasion.

Hoping Sir, to receive any further information you may desire to communicate in relation to the condition of your portion of the State,

I am very respectfully your.

Executive Department
Austin May 10th 1861

Lt Col P. N. Luckett
Dr. Master and Commy Genl of Texas
San Antonio

Sir:

I am pleased to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 7th inst containing many points of interest and information for which I thank you.

Official information has reached me, of the acceptance of the Texas regiment by the Secretary of War of the Confederate States and I have instructed Lt Col Baylor accordingly. This is as it should be, and will afford the very greatest relief to our state.

I will communicate with you again in a few days.

Very truly yours.

Executive Department
Austin May 10th 1861

Col Earl Van Dorn
San Antonio

Sir,

I am happy to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 6th inst and to be informed of the success which has thus far attended your movements in our State.

An official communication from the Secretary of War of the Confederate States informs me that the regiment of Cavalry originally authorized by an ordinance of the Convention of Texas will be received by that government, accordingly I have instructed Lt Col Baylor who is now in Sa

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Anthis superintending the organization of the regiment during the absence of Col Ford who is at Brownsville, to report to you as the Commanding officer of this military department of the Confederate States. Lt. Col Baylor will of course be able to give you all the details in regard to the condition of the regiment.

Trusting very soon to see you in Austin, or if that is impossible, to hear from you I remain

Very truly Your obt. servt.

Executive Department
Austin May 10th 1861

A. Col John R Baylor
Comm'g regiment Texas Rangers.

Sir;

An official communication from the War Department of the Confederate States informs me that the regiment of Cavalry authorized by an ordinance of the Convention of Texas and of which you are the Lt. Col. will be received into the service of that Government. You will accordingly report your regiment to and receive orders from Col Earl Van Dorn who Commands this Military department of the Confederate States

I hope you have found no difficulty in the organization of your regiment and that you have been able to accommodate the companies which were qualified to enter it

Capt Hannens Company passed through Austin to day and will reach San Antonio on the 13th

Mr. de Cordova goes to San Antonio as the bearer of this communication to you,

Very respectfully

Executive Department
Austin Texas May 11th 1861

Hon L. P. Walker
Secy of War.
Montgomery Ala.

Sir

I have the honor of acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 23rd ult. forwarded to this department by Genl S. Cooper. Your reception of the regiment authorized by an ordinance of our State Convention, is an act for which I

am exceedingly grateful. and one which will inspire in the people of Texas renew confidence in our Confederate government.

The advice of those military gentlemen in Montgomery. who are familiar with the frontier of Texas, will enable you to mature a plan for its complete defe I have determined to submit to His Excellency President Davis a communication this subject.

The regiment you have consented to receive has already its Complement of officers: so that it will be impossible. to accommodate in it, any of those ge tlemen whose applications have been made to you. I may find positions fo some of them however, in our State organization.

Very respectfully your obt. servt.

Executive Department
Austin Texas May 12th 1861

To His Excellency
Jefferson Davis
President of the Confederate
States of America.
Sir.

This communication will be presented to you by the Hon John Marshall of this City, whom you will receive as the special bearer of dispatches to your Excellency.

I transmit to you the report of the Commissioners appointed by an ordinance of our State Convention to the nations of the Cherokee, Creek Choctaw, Chickasaw, and Seminole Indians. This report which indicates the perfect sympathy of these nations, with whom an alliance to no will be productive of great advantages to the South, is respectfully submitted. You will likewise receive the highly satisfactory report of the Hon P. T. Herbert who was empowered to proceed to that portion of the Territory of New Mexico known as Arizona and invite the Cooperation of the people of that territory in the organization of a Southern Republic.

Permit me to direct your attention to the unprotected and peculiar ly vulnerable condition of our Sea Coast and suggest the appointment of a competent engineer to examine its Condition and superintend the erection of those fortifications which are indispensable to the defence of our State.

If the designs expressed in the proclamation of the man at Washing ton are carried out, there could be effected the landing of an army at any point on our seashore, because there are neither fortifications or guns sufficient to afford any resistance.

Our Northern frontier is likewise defenceless, and the people inhab iting it are suffering from the Constant apprehension that an invading army may be precipitated upon them (before) from the territories of Kansas

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and New Mexico. This is feasible and imminently threatened by the Concentration of a large number of U. S. troops at Fort Washita in the Creek nation, and but a short distance from the Texas border. I am authentically apprised of the fact that troops are concentrating there, but not of their exact number, supposed to be from one thousand to fifteen hundred and propelling some twenty pieces of Artillery. A spontaneous expedition is being organized in some of our northern Counties to act in conjunction with a force which originates in the Indian Nations to capture this fort and dispose of the troops in a manner similar to that in which others have been disposed of. This expedition proceeding as it does beyond the limits of the State I of course had no power to authorize, yet I take no means to check its progress, and I have no doubt of its success.

I have authorized a regiment to be raised on the line of our northern counties and organized as a barrier against any invasion upon the State, but a difficulty insurmountable by us here arises viz the utter destitution of arms. The State has none. All the arms, ordnance stores &c which were recently seized from the U. S. government have been transferred to the Government of the Confederate States The people of Texas are ready for defence and if need be for aggression but they are unarmed Appeals for arms flow in upon me every day, but there is no response to them for the State is without the power to comply. Can the Confederate States furnish arms for our defence? Texas, although her Treasury is at this moment depleted, will become responsible for their value.

There is some difficulty experienced in raising the 5000 troops which this State has been required to put in a condition of thorough readiness by the Secretary of War, because they are required to be Infantry. Texans have a natural aversion to foot service arising from the fact that they are universally in the habit of riding on horseback, and if the requisitions of the Secretary of War can be so modified consistently with the public service as to admit some regiments of Cavalry, the call would be responded to with much greater alacrity.

Let me urgently press upon you the necessity of recieving into the service of the Confederate States the mounted regiment which has been authorized by the Convention of this State.

This regiment in Conjunction with the regiment already in the service of the Confederate States under Col Henry E. McCulloch will barely suffice for the protection of our Indian frontier, and the protection we have a right to expect will be afforded to us by the Confederate Government.

Very respectfully

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Executive Department
Austin May 12th 1861

Francis Giraud Esq.
San Antonio

Sir.

Having received official information of the completion of more than twenty five miles of the San Antonio and Mexican Gulf railroad and being required by law to appoint a competent engineer to examine the same, and having implicit confidence in your capacity and integrity, I hereby appoint you to thoroughly examine the section of said road extending from La Vaca to Victoria, to ascertain whether or not it has been completed in a good and substantial manner and placed in running order. You will report on oath the result of your examination to this department.

If any circumstance prevents you from accepting this appointment you will please notify me to that effect.

Very respectfully

Executive Department
Austin May 13th 1861

Col Earl Van Dorn
San Antonio

Dear Sir,

Permit me to rejoice with you in consequence of the Capture of the last body of U. S. troops within the limits of Texas and at the same time to express perfect reliance on the hope that all future troops of a similar character will meet with a similar fate.

My last information from the Northern frontier is to this effect. A letter dated May 7th from Fort North Texas, written by Hon Nat Terry one of our State Senators says: "Fort Washita is in the possession of Col Bill Young [of Grayson County whom I empowered to raise a regiment for the defence of the Northern frontier] and his men who by a dispatch has called for more men fearing that the U. S. troops may rally and endeavor to retake the fort. We start to their assistance to day"

The above information is reliable and upon it you can predicate your action. As Fort Washita is not in the Confederate States is it not possible that an effort may be made from Kansas or the adjacent territories to wrest it from the Texas troops?

If you contemplate an expedition in that direction men enough from Northern Texas will rally around your standard.

I cannot now visit San Antonio. If it is entirely convenient for you to visit Austin I hope to see you.

Very respectfully

Executive Department
Austin May 13th 1861

Lt Col John R Baylor
San Antonio

Dear Sir,

Your communication by Lieut Cook was received yesterday. You have already been informed of the transfer of your regiment to the army of the Confederate States. Hence my presence in San Antonio in connection with its organization would be of no avail, as Col Van Dorn is the officer legitimately in its Control. I regret that you have experienced some Confusion in the organization of the regiment, yet confusion was unavoidable from the imperfect character of the ordinance which authorized the regiment, which as you are aware commanded the Executive to approint ten enrolling officers without any restrictions, at the same time that it gave the preference to those troops already in the service. I trust that now you are informed of this change of jurisdiction and have your commanding officer present in San Antonio you will be able to perfect the organization in a manner satisfactory to all. I am endeavoring to arrange things so that none of the men who have expected to be recieved into this regiment will be disappointed in regard to service.

In regard to the pistols purchased by Majr McCulloch, they were in the language of the ordinance "purchased for the use of the State" exceedingly in need of many more arms than she has in her posession.

The Confederate government will I doubt not fully equip your regiment with Six shooters and enable the State to reclaim those which she has and which she cannot do without.

I expect to hear from you again, congratulating yourself and your command for your participation in the recent capture of U S troops.

I remain,
Very respectfully

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Executive Department
Austin May 13th 1861

To John M. Crockett
Dallas

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 10th inst was duly received and promptly answered Your communication of the 6th inst with accompanying letter of Messrs Sanders and Allen of Sherman is now before me. Anterior to this movement which has recently been executed into the Indian territory; in view of the defenceless condition of your frontier and the possibility of an invasion upon it, I authorized Col Wm C. Young, to raise a regiment of men for the protection of that portion of the State. I conferred upon him no power to march beyond the limits of the State, but his movements thus far meet my approval and in them he must be sustained.

I have communicated frequently, and will in a few days have an interview, with Col Van Dorn of the U S Army, who is in command of the troops in Texas. His attention is directed to the Northern frontier and Col McCulloch's regiment is now, or in a very few days will be under his order to proceed thither It is of course right and judicious that an affair of this kind should be under the control of a Confederate States officer, than whom there is not one possessing more energy and efficiency than Col Van Dorn.

You can rest assured that every thing in the power of the Executive will be done to throw about our Northern border an impassible barrier to any hostile force.

You are aware that the State has no arms. I have applied to the Confederate States for them, and am using every effort to obtain arms from that government or by purchase I trust that all the men in your County will organize themselves any how on the volunteer system and arm themselves as best they can and hold themselves in readiness.

Very respectfully

Executive Department
Austin May 14. 1861

Genl Wm C Young,
My dear Genl.

Your communication of the 2nd inst was received only two days ago. I answer it as soon as I can under the press of business.

I am glad that you had received my commission to yourself to raise forces for the protection of our Northern border against Lincoln

forces or any other foes. This step on my part was taken as a necessary precaution for the security of Northern Texas and without knowing any thing of the views and apprehensions of the citizens of that section. While you were not required to organize an expedition into the territory beyond the limits of the State, I cordially approve what you have done, and thank you and your command for your promptitude and alacrity in the premises. I trust you have been entirely successful and am very anxious to hear from you.

If you still think it necessary that you have the three Cavalry Companies asked for in your letter you must call them out for the time you may really need them. This is left to your discretion.

I have written to Col Van Dorn about this matter and urged upon him the propriety of looking into it.

Invoking for you and your whole command the protection of Providence and wishing you all possible success and glory I am truly

and respectfully Your friend.

Executive Department
Austin Texas May 15. 1861

To His Excellency
Jefferson Davis
Sir,

An ordinance passed by the late Convention of Texas entitled "An ordinance, to secure the friendship and cooperation of the Choctaw, Chickasaw, Cherokee, Creek and Seminole nations of Indians." appointed James S. Harrison and two others to proceed to said nations and invite their prompt cooperation in the formation of a Southern Confederacy.

These commissioners having consummated that for which they were appointed, present the accompanying report which indicates a general and propitious feeling of sympathy with the Confederate states on the part of those Indian nations.

The active friendship of these Nations is of vital importance to the South, and therefore it is that I dispatch Mr. Harrison the leading member of the Commission to bear his own report, and send him as the duly accredited agent to your excellency.

I have the honor to be
Your Excellency's obt. servt.

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Executive Department
Austin Texas May 15. 1861

Genl Wm C. Young
Sherman Tex.
Dear Genl

On yesterday I wrote to you in reply to your communication of the 2nd inst. A communication received from Col Van Dorn at San Antonio this morning, renders it necessary that I write immediately to you again.

Upon the receipt of the intelligence obtained through your letter and other sources I wrote to Col Van Dorn informing him of affairs on our Northern border and stating that a force of our citizens had crossed Red River for the purpose of taking the Forts in the Indian country North of Red River. This action on the part of the Texans he seems to regret from an apprehension that it has been too hasty and may result in disaster to themselves and injury to his plan of operations in that section of Country. He desires if not too late, that I stop any further prosecution of this independent movement on the part of our citizens until Col McCulloch whom he has ordered with his regiment and a battery of artillery into that section by way of Camp Cooper may arrive, and that you may upon his arrival report to him. This he says will give your movements the sanction of authority and will render the result of your operations much more promising. At the suggestion and request of Col Van Dorn I send this by a special messenger that the reaching you may be relieved of the tardiness and uncertainty of the mails, and to make known to you his wish that you halt your Command at some convenient point on Red River and send word to meet Col McCulloch at Camp Cooper giving him full particulars of your whereabouts, your strength and everything that might be serviceable to him in his designs. He thinks there should be a force of One thousand men additional to Col McCulloch's command and wishes if you have not that number that I order the necessary addition. If more men as above suggested are needed you will at once take the necessary steps to procure them. In my letter of yesterday I authorized you if you still thought the three Companies of Cavalry which you asked permission to raise important you might call them out. As Col Van Dorn apprehends a scarcity of subsistence with Col McCulloch for the whole Command he desires that the forces ordered out by my authority may be provided with rations for fifteen or twenty days.

Col Van Dorn expects Col McCulloch to reach a point just below the mouth of Big Wichita river on Red River about the 12th of June, and he desires you to meet him there with your command at that time.

I have thus made known to you Col Van Dorns wishes as I have this morning obtained them, and as he is charged by the Confederate Government with the Military Command and direction of Military affairs in Texas and he seems to have matured a plan of operations for this immediate object the which I do not now know, and as the field of operations is beyond my authority and control and belongs appropriately to the Cognizance and jurisdiction of the Confederate government, I desire that you will conform to his requests.

The observance of the foregoing directions and suggestions must in a great measure depend upon the result of your operations. If it be true as is stated in a letter received this morning from Mr Saunders of Sherman

your brother in Law that the U. S troops have evacuated at the Forts and made good their escape and that you have taken them provisions &c it may not be necessary for you to go further. It might be prudent however for you to occupy the Forts with sufficient force until the arrival of Col McCulloch when of the measures planned require it you may be desired to continue in the service. I am unadvised as to Col Bandorns plans and therefore cannot inform you. I expect to see him soon and will then perhaps know all. My confidence in him however, formed from an observation of his service in Texas under the past and the present regime give me great reliance upon him.

I desire to hear from you soon and trust that you have been highly favored and imminently successful in all you have undertaken. My kindest regards to all friends with you and your whole Command.

As Col. McCulloch's is a Cavalry regiment may that not do away with the necessity of your calling out Cavalry Companies. The saving of expense is a great desideratum in these things.

I am very truly and respectfully
Your friend

Executive Department
Austin May 15th 1861

Captain,

The active Cooperation or at least the friendly inactivity of the "Reserve Indians" which until recently have been under the Control and protection of U. S troops is peculiarly important to me in the present Crisis. Accordingly I desire you and for this purpose you are hereby duly authorized and Commissioned to proceed immediately to the reserve of the aforesaid Indians and assure them of the friendship and goodwill of of Texas and of the Confederate States. Ask them to remain peaceably and quietly on their reserves, and tell them that so long as they do so they can feel secure in the belief that the State and the South will be their friend. Col McCulloch's regiment is under orders to proceed to the Northern frontier and will probably reach the mouth of the Big Wichita by the Middle of June.

You must prepare the Reserve Indians for his Coming and assure them that it is with no intention hostile to them. He goes to defend that frontier against the white men of the North and will be at perfect peace with the friendly Indians

My instructions to you are not very comprehensive because a great deal is necessarily left to your discretion and judgment.

You will understand that the object of your mission to the Indians alluded to is to secure them to us as friends and not to permit them to lose confidence in us, or to become hostile and estranged.

This mission for which I design you is created in accordance with the suggestion of Col Van Dorn communicated to me through Col D. E. Harrison

To Capt R. S. Rob. Very respectfully
Waco. Texas. Yr. obt. Servt.

Executive Department
Austin May 15th 1861

J. A. Echols

Sir.

You are hereby especially appointed to bear the dispatches which will be handed to you by Col Harrison to Genl Wm C. Young. You will proceed forthwith to the point where Genl Young may be. If he is not at Sherman you will there ascertain where he is and go to him.

Very respectfully

Executive Department
Austin Texas May 16th 1861

Colonel.

I am pleased to acknowledge the receipt of your very satisfactory report of the 21st of April, although its arrival has been rendered very dilatory by the uncertainties of the mail. I will send this communication by Mr Haralson who leaves to day for Fort Brown with some recruits for Capt Donelson's Company.

Your actions since you have been in your present capacity are in the highest degree commendable. I am glad to learn of your occupancy and fortification of old Fort Brown, for it will enable you to check the progress of an invading force, which, however, at present I have not the slightest apprehension of, until reinforcements could relieve you from the interior.

It is peculiarly gratifying to me to be able to inform you that I have succeeded in securing the reception of your regiment by the Government of the Confederate States. A letter from Mr Walker Secretary of War informs me that the regiment will be received as it was originally provided for by the Texas Convention.

This is a mighty relief to the State and will doubtless be much acceptable to you.

In a few days I will Commission some gentlemen to y:

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to arrange those details in regard to your change of service which may be essential.

Very respectfully
Your obt. servt.

To Col. L. S. Ford
Brownsville

Executive Department
Austin Texas May 16th 1861

A.G.

Your report dated April 20th has been received, and it was with the highest pleasure that I learned of the cordial feeling which exists towards the Confederate States in the Territory of Arizona.

I have dispatched your report with the Arizona Convention resolutions to His Excellency President Davis and feel Confident that the Country will have resulted to the advantage of that Territory and to the South.

Thanking you Sir for the able and satisfactory manner in which you have discharged the duties of your mission

I remain very respectfully

To the Hon
P. T. Herbert
Texas Commr to Arizona
El Paso, Texas.

Executive Department
Austin Texas, May 16th 1861

Sir

Your communication of the 28th ult has been received. The Fort Quitman affair is much to be regretted, although it was unavoidable and resulted from an act of bad faith and maliciousness on the part of a United States officer.

The villains who were implicated in this high handed robbery must be punished to the extent of the law. Do not let one of them escape.

You are aware that all the property seized by Texas from the U. S. Government has been transferred to the Govt of the Confederate States, And so soon as the latter Government is able - if it has not already done so - it will send an officer to relieve you of the public property now under your control.

The Confederate Government is extending its Military Control over the Department of Texas with great vigor and energy. Your own portion of the Country, has from its remote Condition necessarily suffered much during its transition state; but very soon now a force will be stationed in it which will afford ample security.

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To Hon J. H. Magoffin
Ex Gov
Texas

Dear Sir truly
Your ob't Servt

Executive Department
Austin May 17th 1861

Edwin B. Tuttle Esq
Sir,

The President of the "La Vaca Navigation Company" has made application to me in writing that said Company has completed the Ship channel to the successful navigation of Matagorda and La Vaca Bays and are entitled by virtue of "An act granting Land to the La Vaca Navigation Company approved 8th Febry 1860" to eight sections of land for each mile finished; provided said Company shall not be entitled to land in more than six miles"

You are hereby appointed special Engineer and requested at your earliest Convenience, to examine inspect and report upon upon oath, the character Condition and extent of the work done upon the said channel.

Very respectfully
Your ob't Servt

Executive Department
Austin May 17th 1861

Messrs John R. Rawn
John D Rogers
& F Elder.
Washington
Gentlemen,

Your letter of the 11th inst enquiring as to the ability of the State to arm volunteer companies &c has been received.

This is a common inquiry from all parts of the State I have had to return the same answer to all. that the State has no arms to furnish her soldiers. There are a few muskets, having flint locks here, about enough to arm two or three companies. I do not suppose you would desire such arms as these. I am using all the means in my power and indeed more for I am acting without law to procure arms and ammunition for the State. I have sent off an agent armed with all the power I could give to make the purchase. The chances

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to buy are bad, but I trust he will succeed. The Legislature placed no money at my command for the purchase of arms. Am having them depend upon my efforts to obtain them.

Very respectfully

Executive Department
Austin May 17th 1861

Gen. E. B Nichols
Galveston,

Dear General,

I send on by to days mail your instructions in regard to your agency which I trust will prove sufficient and satisfactory.

I authorized you to invest $30.000 in arms &c if you could purchase them. After reflection if it is possible and expedient, I desire and hereby authorize you to enlarge the extent of your purchase to One hundred thousand dollars or less according to circumstances and your discretion I am informed that there is a great number of Arms - improved model - in Vera Cruz Mexico.

Very respectfully

Executive Department
Austin May 17. 1861

Gen. John Marshall
Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 13th inst was received this morning and was glad to hear from you.

I thank you for the assurance you gave the Citizens of La Grange of my endeavors to procure arms &c. I have gone beyond my authority to this object and shall not hesitate to do more if the necessities of our State require it. I thank you for your suggestions in this regard, and will still be obliged to you if you may find it in your power to aid Texas when at Montgomery.

I shall seriously Consider your suggestion of calling upon the people to aid the state in the purchase of arms. I have no doubt they will readily respond if called upon.

Have you had time to see or confer with Wharton? Do not forget these things as you pass along and be pleas

ed to write to me often.

Very truly yours.

Executive Department
Austin May 18 1861

Genl. C. B. Nichols

Dear Sir.

By yesterdays mail I sent you instructions touching your powers and duties in regard to the loan of one Million Dollars I hope to hear from you at the earliest possible moment.

In regard to the purchase of arms &c I wish you to be very Circumspect, as I do not desire that our destination in this regard should be known.

I trust that my dispatches may overtake you at Galveston though I want you to make all possible dispatch.

Very respectfully

Executive Department
Austin May 18. 1861

To Colonel Earl Van Dorn
San Antonio
Texas

Dear Sir,

Your communication of the 12th inst by Lieut Harrison was duly received.

I immediately dispatched an express to Col Young commanding State Troops in Northern Texas with instructions to halt his command at some Convenient point, to leave if necessary, and if he had taken possession of the Forts in the Indian Territory a sufficient guard to protect them until relieved by Col. McCulloch, to immediately report his situation condition &c to Col McCulloch at Camp Cooper and to be prepared to meet him at the mouth of the Big Wichita by the middle of June. I have likewise instructed Col Young to increase his force to One thousand men (he has nearly that number now) and provide his command with fifteen or twenty days rations. This will secure I trust the success of any movement in the North of Texas or Indian Territory. I have sent a Commissioner

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Capt Rob of Waco, to the Reserve Indians to assure them of our friendship and prepare them for the coming of troops into their region, telling them that these troops of ours had no design hostile to them. You say that you "hope soon to hear of the organization of an Infantry regiment". You can have one at any time. Companies enough have already reported and are ready and a few days would suffice to concentrate and organize them. If you will mention a time when you will receive a regiment this service it will be ready for you.

Hoping still to see you.

I remain very truly Yours.

Executive Department
Austin May 19th 1861

Dear Sir,

I am very happy to have received some days ago your letter of the 27th ult.

You will perceive if you have observed the two proclamations which I have issued, that the suggestions which you were kind enough to offer in your letter have been anticipated.

It is my most earnest desire to place our State in a complete state of defence and to prepare some thousands of our gallant men to represent Texas on every battle ground where the flag of the Confederacy may wave.

The present Militia law of the State is, as you are aware totally inefficient, and the State is destitute of arms. So I have been only able to call upon the people of the State to organize and equip themselves as best they can and be prepared for any service or emergency.

It will afford me great pleasure to hear from you again.

Very truly Your friend
and obt. servt.

Hon Judge A. M. Roberts
Tyler
Texas.

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Executive Department
Austin May 22. 1861

Col E. Van Dorn
San Antonio

Dear Sir,

I believe I have already answered your letter of the 12th inst. Your wishes as therein expressed touching the expedition against Fort Arbuckle and Washita and the Reserve Indians the latter communicated through Col Harrison have been complied with. As yet I have heard nothing from Col Young in command of the expedition.

Gen. Good has handed me your communication of the 12th inst. You will see by the requisition for three thousand volunteers, a copy I have had forwarded to you, that I am authorized to furnish two companies of artillery Knowing or supposing that Gen. Good had a company already I determined to call him into the service under the requisition. I am still inclined to do so, and I have authorized him to go on and raise a company and will commission him to command it.

I have dispatched by Capt Brode 750 Pistols to the ordnance department at San Antonio. These pistols were designed by the Convention for State troops and hence though I would be pleased to do so, cannot divide them with Col McCulloughs regiment. I have felt obliged to retain 250 of the pistols. I should have sent them before, but supposed that you had a sufficiency, with what the volunteers themselves have, to supply them. I have no guns. I regret that we have not been able to meet. If my presence in San Antonio would be productive of any good I must go over.

Very respectfully

Executive Department
Austin May 22 1861

Lieut J. G. Minter

Sir, You are hereby authorized to raise a company of infantry under my proclamation of April 24th calling for five thousand volunteers Your company will consist of One hundred men, and must be reported to the adjutant general of the State as soon as organized. Of course this company will not be receiving pay until mustered into the service,

Executive Department
Austin May 22nd 1861

Col John R. Baylor
San Antonio
New Co.

Your communications of the 14 and 17 instants and Maj Walkers of the 19 by Capt Cook were handed me yesterday evening.

I am certainly surprised at the distribution which seems to exist at San Antonio and among the volunteers as to pistols. I have sent by Capt Cook to the Ordnance Department 750 of the pistols which were purchased by the State. This leaves but 250 here which I feel obliged to retain I do not expect any soldier who has a revolver to be furnished with one of these. I have no guns but few flint and steel muskets old model- these you would not want. I am making an effort to buy arms but dont know what my success will be,

Very respectfully and truly Yours.

Executive Department
Austin May 22. 1861.

Mr Sample Howard
San Antonio

Sir, Through Mr Munter I learn of your being at San Antonio awaiting dispatches from this office to Col Ford. It is impossible for me to prepare the dispatches by this stage and you will therefore remain at San Antonio until the next stage when you will receive dispatches for Col Ford either by private conveyance or mail

Very respectfully

Executive Department
Austin May 22nd 1861

Col Earl Van Dorn
San Antonio
Dear Sir,

Since my other letter of this date I have read the dispatches of Col Ford of the 8th inst and esteem it my duty to notice to you some subjects embraced in said dispatches.

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From the Statements of the messenger I presume you are in receipt of intelligence from Col Ford of the Union of my own.

It seems that Col Ford has been informed of an intended raid on Texas by the notorious Juan Cortinas, and after venting a very natural and proper indignation against him he says "I shall also demand of the Mexican authorities the institution of measures to prevent a recurrence of similar affairs. In the event they do not restrain their citizens what Course must I pursue? The guns of Fort Brown bear upon Matamoras. A few hours would suffice to retaliate for the wrongs we may receive, and in my opinion would soon end another Cortinas war. His men have been recruited almost entirely in Mexico. They have been organized, fed and armed there and nothing but a strange remissness could prevent the authorities of Mexico from knowing such things were going on, and they should have reported before the organization and not after. I have every reason to believe the truth of the reports. Juan Villareal is the principal man of Camargo, and entirely reliable. I have known him for many years. Jimenez Flores is a leading and influential Citizen of Reynosa. I cannot believe they were cognizant of the movements of Cortinas &c."

From this dispatch it is evident that Col Ford attaches much importance to his information in regard to the movements of Cortinas. This to be apprehended too, that should this invasion of our soil occur retaliation may be visited upon Matamoras, which notwithstanding impressions of Col Ford might be unjust to the citizens and authorities of that city and State and would certainly be productive of unfortunate consequences to the relations existing between the two Nations. Those relations are now kind and friendly, and at this time it is surely our interest to keep them so. In view of the fact that Col Ford will hereafter be under your Control, I respectfully submit the foregoing brief suggestion that you may take such measures as you may esteem proper to avert the evil results which might possibly flow from this matured threatened invasion of our State. It is much to be regretted that we cannot get hold of this scoundrel Cortinas.

I should have mentioned that Col Ford's information seems to be derived through the Mexicans Villareal and Flores. If you are not possessed of the same intelligence from Col Ford I will cause copies of his dispatches to be made and forwarded to you.

I learn that a messenger from Brownsville is now in San Antonio awaiting my reply to Col Ford. I have directed his stay there until the next stage as I cannot at this time Answer his dispatch. By this messenger you will have an opportunity of making any communication to Brownsville that you may desire

I write in much hurry and cannot be very particular. I trust we may be enabled to meet soon and Consult about the defence of Texas, the Confederate government &c.

Very truly yours.

Executive Department
Austin Dec 22 1861

Majr

Yours of the 19 by Capt Cook has been received. Send for Settle for the use of your regiment.

I am sorry to inform you that there is so strong a feeling in favor of peace that it will be very difficult to raise money should the Secession succeed in negotiating a loan.

Yr Obt Servt
Sam Houston.

Executive Department
Austin Dec 22 1861

Hon E. H. Randolph
Dear Sir.

Please arrange I. A. Smith to receive from the Department as many copies of dispatches from the Department as may be necessary for the use of appropriation for frontier defence.

Very respectfully
Yr. obt. Servt.

Executive Department
Austin Dec 23. 1861

Col M. F. Locke
Dear Col.

Mr Abney of your county is entitled to the Muster roll of the Cypress Guards. I regret this I have for the first time of your having received notice of your appointment as aid-de-camp and of your acceptance. I thank you for having accepted the position.

I feel very much obliged to the patriotic citizens for the promptness and alacrity with which they have responded to the call of the country for their services. I felt sure that such would be their response when they heard that their Country would need their aid. Like all others I find they are eager for the fight. I knew this must be the case with our volunteers and I have interceded with the government at Montgomery to let me put them in the field, or to let me know if possible, when I could do so. As yet I have not heard from them and until I do get the permission I cannot make me to

our brave men then, must be patient and content. I am and have been doing every thing I could for their accommodation, and shall not abate my efforts I hope, tho. I fear the Contrary, that the delay will not result in the injury of the service, and let me ask you to endeavor by all means to prevent this. The "Aspres Guards" and other Companies in your County and I learn there are others may expect early notice whenever I am requested to put them into active service.

In regard to arms, I am sorry to have to say that the State has none. The Legislature made no appropriation whatever to purchase arms or ammunition and yet I am using every effort to obtain them. I have an agent abroad now fully authorized so far as I could authorize him to purchase. I fear the terms are not very promising and yet I trust he may succeed.

I am not asked to receive Cavalry Companies This I am unauthorized to do. The whole force required is to be infantry, and if I were to agree to take even a few cavalry Companies it would you perceive retard the raising of the required forces. Please explain this when necessary. I should be pleased to hear from you often

Very truly your friend.

Executive Department
Austin May 23 1861

Gen. T. Sherman
Galveston

Sir,

Your letter of the 30th ult. was not received until yesterday.

I was much pleased to hear of your action in placing a detachment of men on board the "Orizaba" and in sending a handsome command on board the "Gen Rusk" to assist in the Capture of U.S troops at Indianola.

I shall always be happy, as I confidently expect to hear of an exercise of similar vigilance by you within your military jurisdiction

Very truly
Your ob't. Serv't.

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Executive Department
Austin Texas May 23rd 1861

His Excellency
Santiago Vidaurri
Governor of New Leon
Monterey, Mexico.

Sir. This Communication will be presented to you by my esteemed friend and your valuable acquaintance Mr. J. A Quintero of this City.

Mr Quintero visits your Excellency on business which he will fully explain, and any representation which he may make in regard to the State of Texas or upon the friendly relations which exist between your Government and that of the Confederate States of America you may rely with the most confidence upon

With assurances Sir of my most distinguished Consideration
I have the honor to remain
Your Excellencys friend
and obt. Servt.

Executive Department
Austin May 23. 1861

Hon F. S Stockdale
Indianola

Dear Sir,

Your communication of the 14th inst
is just received.

I have no doubt but your commendations of Capt Friend and Company are eminently just and I would gladly give them immediate service in or out of the State if I could. My instructions from the War Department do not authorize me to do more than I have done.

In regard to Texans being taken beyond the State and allowed a participation in the war, if we are not to be actively employed at home, I have written to the Department at Montgomery insisting that our State be represented.

I have not yet heard from the Secretary of War,

Very respectfully
and truly Your friend

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Executive Department
Austin May 23. 1861

Messrs Scarborough & Maxon
Brownsville

Gentlemen,

Your communication of the 8th inst was received to day.

As the regular August election is near at hand I have concluded to avoid the trouble of a special election, by ordering the election of Judge of your judicial district for that time.

Very truly yours.

Executive Office
Austin May 24. 1861

Sir,

I am this day in receipt of a communication from Governor Isham G. Harris of Tennessee enclosing resolutions of the General Assembly of that State providing for calling "a General Convention or Congress of the States of the Southern States at Atlanta, Georgia on the first Monday of June next to confer and adopt such line of policy as will best promote the general welfare and insure a currency of uniform value throughout the South."

You are aware that we have no banks in this State, but Texas is undoubtedly interested in the subject matter before said Convention viz: "insuring a currency of uniform value throughout the South." In view of this fact you are hereby authorized and Commissioned to attend said Convention or congress as a delegate to represent the State of Texas and its interests. Should you be able to attend said Convention and be received as a delegate on behalf of this State, you will please report the result of its deliberations to this department at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully
Your obt. servt.

To Gen. G. T. Beauregard
New Orleans
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Executive Department
Austin May 24 1861

Capt J. Munn Eddy
Sabine Pass

My dear Sir.

Your letter of the 27th
ult has been in this office some time. Our mail passing to day & mine,
when I tell you that the correspondence of the office at this time is completely overwhelming.

I received notice of the proceedings of the meeting of the Citizens of Sabine Pass touching their exposed condition &c. I have seen with a great deal of apprehension and uneasiness upon the same subject and have not failed to bring it to the notice of the government at Montgomery. I have had the good fortune to procure the appointment of a competent officer to superintend and direct the preparation of coast defences. I am now endeavoring to procure still further assistance.

I am really sorry that I cannot respond to your necessity for arms. The State has no arms and the Legislature made no provision for procuring them. Still I am endeavoring to purchase arms and ammunition though I am acting outside of law to do so.

It affords me great pleasure to see the prompt and patriotic action of yourself and brave compatriots in providing for the defence of your neighborhood and the honor of Texas.

If I succeed in securing arms I will see that all parts of the State shall be properly recollected. See my friend I. B. Dickens for particulars which I have not time to notice here. I hope I may be able to visit your Country in Aug.

My respects to Col Hicks, Junius Dickens and others.

Very truly Your friend

Executive Department
Austin May 24. 1861

Messrs S Holland, I M. Wells
A. D. Irwin and I F Baker,
Gentlemen;

Your communication
by Dr. Cook and Mr Trabue is just received:

I did not know that Genl Young had sent calls to your part of the State for aid. Sometime ago, apprehending danger from Kansas and the U. S. troops north of us, I had empowered Genl Young to raise a force of a thousand men to guard and protect our Northern border. I did not hear from him until the day before his departure to Washita.

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I have not hear from him since, though through others I have heard that he had taken Fort Wichita and Archickle and captured some public property. I learn also that the U.S troops have made good their escape I have nothing reliable however and am anxious to hear from him. Young

I feel very grateful to you and the men whom you command for your promptness in answering the call of your country. Knowing however as I do, the people of Parola, and many of you individually, I am, or would have been for your alacrity in coming out to meet our enemies. If anything remains to be done in the quarter to which you go I sincerely desire that you may arrive in time to participate.

In regard to the reception of your company into permanent service I cannot now promise you any thing. I have no authority to receive Cavalry. The whole force called for by the Confederate government is to be Infantry. Until this order is changed, (and I have urged upon the government the propriety of a change,) I cannot receive any but infantry forces. If I were to receive even one Company of Cavalry it would interfer and retard the raising of the Infantry Companies called for.

The State is miserably poor in the way of Arms. She has none with which to equip her volunteers. The Legislature too made no provision to get any. Yet without authority of law I am doing all I can to obtain arms for our soldiers. I have sent an Agent abroad to purchase and notwithstanding the difficulties in our way I hope he will succeed. I feel that the people will sustain me in this action.

It is very Creditable to the Company that they have equipped themselves and to your citizens that they have so liberally come forward to the assistance of the State. This is what I wish to see done all over our broad State and I have no doubt it will be done.

With the Kindest regards for you individually and for your noble Company I am

Very respectfully and truly yours.

Executive Department
Austin May 24. 1861

Genl. Wm. C. Young
Near Gunt.

On the 15th inst I wrote to you fully by special messenger. That communication you have received I suppose ere this. I am very anxious to hear from you and it is essential to the public service that I should. Please write to me by your earliest opportunity.

If it is more expedient, I should be very glad to see you here

within the next few days. The war signs impress me with the propriety of prompt action and I am determined to do every thing in my power to have Texas prepared for the emergency of the times although backed by no law.

I have to day written to Capt Holland and others of Panola County who have gone to your assistance, they will show you my letter.

I rely upon you for the guarding and protection of your border and you may use the authority given you for that purpose as circumstances may require.

I desire that you will communicate with me,

Very respectfully your friend.

Executive Department
Austin May 24. 1861

Thomas P. Carothers
Huntsville
Texas

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 17. inst has just been received a similar letter came from Mr. M. C. Rogers by the previous mail

I am more than anxious that you should manufacture the tents which Col Mike Powell will require. I will report your claim for their construction to the Legislature. I feel satisfied that the State will assume any expense which may be incurred.

I appreciate your eagerness to gird on your armor and take the field in the event that our State is invaded, but I cannot authorize you to leave your present important charge.

If you can make the necessary arrangement, in an emergency you might assume the responsibility of participating

You will have the kindness to communicate that which I have written in regard to the tents to Mr. M. C Rogers.

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.

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Executive Department
Austin May 25th 1861

Maj. J. F. Crosby,
El Paso

Sir;

Your communication of the 14th and 9th inst. has been received from San Antonio by Mr Bailey this morning received. The defenseless condition of your county has given me great uneasiness & I hope that all will yet be well. I had some time ago ordered a company to your place, but was compelled to countermand the order in lieu to cooperate with Col Van Horn who was raising a regiment of the military department of the Confederate States, which government as you are aware designs, as it properly should, to take charge of the defence of our Department.

I go to San Antonio to morrow and will then have a consultation with Col Van Horn and if he has not already done so will insist upon his ordering a command immediately to El Paso.

I do not feel the necessity of authorizing Capt Cook to raise a company although I have the greatest confidence in him - because Col Van Horn must necessarily and that very soon station a Confederate force in your section sufficient to give you protection. Rest assured that as far as in me lies there will be no delay in this matter.

Respectfully Your obt. Servt.

Executive Department
Austin June 5th 1861

To J. H. Cox, Clerk of the District Court for
Montague County.

Sir, In the case of The State of Texas vs Philip T. Jones charged with the Crime of horse theft, who is now confined in the Penitentiary, and for the respite of which application has been made to the Executive, it is necessary to have the indictment of the Grand Jury, a transcript of the trial, the charge of the Judge and the verdict of the jury, before the Executive can determine upon the merits of the Case.

Upon the presentation therefore of this communication, you will deliver to the bearer, the documents aforesaid, under your official seal in order that they may be transmitted to this Department.

Very Respectfully

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Executive Department
Austin June 6th 1861

Capt R. S Ros
Waco.

Sir,

Your communication of the — with was received during my absence at San Antonio. Having just returned I will respond to it though this letter may not reach Waco before your departure.

Those Indians who served as Spies under Col Johnson are of course entitled to pay, for their services and this they will receive as soon as the Treasury is in funds. At present it has none.

Gen. Nichols, the authorized agent of the State to borrow One Million of Dollars, is now energetically engaged in the pursuance of that duty.

Respectfully Yours.

Executive Department
Austin June 7th 1861

Col Carl Van Horn

Dear Sir,

Please find herewith a requisition for a sufficient number of arms &c for a company at this place being raised for Confederate service If you can furnish the arms desired you will much oblige me by doing so. The Company is composed of fine material and will do good service when ever called upon.

You proposed when I saw you to distribute the arms in your charge over the State and at such points as would best subserve the public need We spoke of sending some to Houston I think. I believe you also think of sending some to Dallas. I contemplate now establishing Camps of instruction at different places in the State, and when that is done I can better assist you perhaps in a judicious distribution of the arms.

Have you written to Dr Moore yet? I expect to start to Houston to morrow and shall go to Galveston when I shall of Course see Dr Moore and will attend to the matter of raising a Company to take charge of and keep the Guns there. If you desire to correspond with me immediately it would be best to direct your letter to Galveston or Houston.

As yet I have heard nothing from Gen Good. I infer from his letter to you while in San Antonio and his silence towards me, that he must have abandoned for the present at least, the idea of raising the company he desired to get up. Have you written to him upon the subject? I have been waiting to receive a copy of your letter to him &c

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meeting C. in Merely. I am desirous of raising this Company as early as pos-
sible and will be pleased to hear from you further upon the subject.
As yet I have heard nothing in regard to the regiment for Genl McCul-
loch No requisition for it has yet been received.
Col Ruckett's letter touching his disposition of the powder obtained in
San Antonio I have referred to the Adjutant General with instructions as
to the Ordnance.

Very respectfully
Your obt Servt.

Executive Department
Austin June 8. 1861

Col Earl Van Dorn
San Antonio.

Dear Sir

I desire and deem it important that a company in Henderson County Texas should be supplied with arms, and if you can do so I will gratefully acknowledge the obligation. If this convenient please have the arms conveyed to Dallas, along with those designed for Brig. Gen. McCulloch. Have them addressed, Capt. Wm. H. Martin, Athens, Henderson County, Texas. If you can accede to this request have the kindness to notify this Department of the fact.

Your obt. Servt.

Executive Department
Austin June 8th 1861

Col Earl Van Dorn
San Antonio

Dear Sir,

There are some companies in the State raised with reference to requisitions from the Confederate States which I am exceedingly anxious to supply with arms. Among the most important of these companies is that of Capt. J. H. Davis of Waco Texas; and if consistent with our understanding and agreeable to you, I would appreciate the favor if you would provide the above mentioned company with One hundred Minnie muskets with bayonets and accoutrements complete.

If you can supply these arms and it is convenient for you to

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and them at the same time that you transport to Dallas the arms designed for Brig. Gen. McCulloch's Texas regiment, please have them conveyed to the care of Col Wm N. Parsons, Waco, Texas.

Provided you cannot furnish transportation to the point designated it will be supplied by the State.

Yours truly, Your obt. servt.

Executive Department
Austin July 1st 1861.

Capt S. Penrides,

Sir,

I appointed you last Spring to raise and command a company for frontier protection on the Rio Grande. I was greatly pleased at the alacrity with which you entered upon the discharge of your trust and the speed with which your company was raised and reported.

You immediately entered into active service, and the Executive has seen with great gratification and pleasure the activity and zeal with which you have watched and guarded your frontier. Whenever our disturbers and enemies have appeared upon our soil you and your brave men seem to have been present and to have overwhelmed and driven them back, killing many of them.

For such fidelity and service you and your gallant Company are entitled to the special commendation of the State and as her Executive I take pleasure in extending it to you.

As a further proof of my appreciation of your valuable services and devotion to your State and Government allow me to present you this pistol, which in your hands will always I assume, be used in defence of your Country and prove an instrument of terror and destruction to her enemies.

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.

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Executive Department
Austin July 3rd 1861

Col A. M. Reed
Galveston

Dear Sir;

Now have not concluded I hope that I have forgotten any promise to write from Houston because I did not do so. The truth is I had no time to write from there, and above that point I was so engaged that I could not.

I have appointed George Frazer of Harris aid de Camp and his commission has gone to him. Please say to Messrs Sorley, Sydnor and McMahon that I will reply to their communication received just as I am leaving your city by the mail of to morrow or next d.o. I think I shall be able to fall in with the views of the Committee as I intimated when in Galveston.

How are you getting on with your Camp? I would like to be advised occasionally of matters.

Very truly your friend

Executive Department
Austin July 3rd 1861

James D. McKinney Esq.
Travis County
Texas

Dear Sir;

A necessary absence from this city upon official business has prevented an earlier recognition of the patriotic offer communicated in your letter of the 3rd inst.

In accepting your contribution for the benefit of the State I must thank you for having come so nobly forward in this hour of need, and express the hope that the people generally will imitate your example.

Very respectfully
Your obt. servt.

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Executive Department
Austin July 3rd 1861

J. H. Davis Esq.
San Marcos.

Dear Sir,

A nuscepary absence from Austin, on official busines, has delayed the recognition of your patriotic offer, communicated in your letter of May 28th.

Its substance will be immediately forwarded to Judge Hemphill who has already been among us, seeking contributions of a like character. I thank you Sir for having come so nobly forward in this hour of need and express the hope that the people generally will follow your example

Very truly
Your obt. Servant

Executive Department
Austin July 3rd 1861

Charles Reigreffe Esq
New Braunfels,

Sir,

Your petition dated 24 June was duly received From its import it would seem that you were a citizen of Texas on the 2nd of March last, in which event my proclamation to which you allude would have no application to you If however you were not a citizen of this State at that time, it will be necessary for you formally before some court of record to renounce your allegiance to all other governments and to swear to support that of Texas and of the Confederate States.

Upon sending such an oath properly attested to this Department you will receive permission to remain unmolested in the state and to carry out your intention of becoming a citizen.

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.

Executive Department
Austin July 3rd 1861

R B Hitchcock Esq.
San Saba

Sir, An absence from Austin on official business, has prevented an earlier reply to your communication of the 21st ult.

As you have announced your intention of becoming a citizen of this State, & are willing to take an oath here done (and of course renouncing allegiance to all other Governments and swearing to support that of Texas and of the Confederate States, and furnish a copy of the same to this department, you will receive permission to remain unmolested in this State until you can have an opportunity of carrying out your intention of becoming regularly a citizen.

Very respectfully
Your obt Servt

Executive Department
Austin July 4. 1861

Lt. S. M. Swenson
Austin

Sir,

On my return from Galveston, I was presented by my Secretary with a letter from you addressed to me on the 3d day of June setting forth that you had read my proclamation on the subject of non intercourse with our northern enemies, and desiring especial permission to be relieved from its inhibitions in reference particularly.

The proclamation referred to is nothing but a notification to the "people of Texas" of the relations which international law imposes upon them by reason of the existing war.

I have given your letter very careful and candid examination and have been unable to discover any reason in the facts set forth therein why in your case an exception should be made; on the contrary the objects sought to be accomplished by you as stated in your letter are precisely such as are and should be prohibited. It is well that all should understand, that the existence of War of itself, by international law, stops all intercourse of whatsoever character between the citizens of the belligerent States, except such as public policy or public necessity may induce the governments where they are domiciled to permit.

You state that unless this rule is departed from in your case it will "prove ruinous both to my estate and my character as an honest man." The Executive is aware that the existence of War

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will be necessarily injurious to the private interests of perhaps all of our citizens, and is confident that they will generally, willingly submit to this loss rather than cultivate friendly relations with those who are endeavoring to subjugate them. He regrets that this sentiment is not entirely unanimous.

The Executive does not conceive how a person's "character as an honest man" can be ruined because he is forced to ack the part of a patriot and a good citizen. It would certainly be improper to relieve a single citizen of burthens (without extraordinary reasons of public policy) which are felt and endured uncomplainingly by all others

It is unnecessary to answer in detail each seperate Statement of facts contained in your letter. The Executive trusts that you will upon reflection see the impropriety of his granting any special permit in your case.

Respectfully

Executive Department
Austin July 11th 1861

Gen Earl Van Dorn

My Dear Sir,

Between the accumulation of business in the last few days and the obligation to get off the Companies to Virginia as soon as possible, I find I cannot meet you at Galveston as we had arranged.

I desire to change our agreement as to the rendezvous of these companies so as to preserve their health and comfort and I think I can do so without material injury to your convenience by ordering them to Brenham in Washington County. This is directly upon the rail road and will enable you to carry out your plans in regard to the equipment and transportation of the troops.

Col De Bray is sent to you especially upon this subject and can make known to you my views and wishes. Allow me here to ask if it is not indispensable to have transportation and subsistence ready for the march between Orange and Berwick. Will you furnish a cavalry company for home service with Cavalry arms? I promised Capt McNaille to make this inquiry for him and he has a fine Company. You see the size of Company and the service they ask. I hope you got home safely.

Very truly yours.

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Executive Department
Austin Texas July 13. 1861

To His Excellency
The Governor of Tamaulipas
Mexico.

Sir,

It is with the highest pleasure that I extend to your Excellency the assurances of my friendship and gratitude for your Excellency's praiseworthy efforts in endeavoring to suppress lawlessness which has recently existed on the Rio Grande.

Allow me further to express the sincere hope that the most intimate relations of friendship and kindness will continue to be reciprocated between the Governments of Tamaulipas and of Texas.

This letter will be presented to your Excellency by my friend Mr. Perry Ford of Roma.

Renewing Sir the assurances of my most distinguished consideration I have the honor to be

Your Excellency's most obt. servt.

Executive Department
Austin July 13 1861

Capt A. S. Roff
Waco

Dear Sir,

When you were here a few days ago you spoke to me of the disposition of the Indians to treat with the people of Texas. At the time you did so I was so crowded by business that I was unable to give to the subject the consideration its importance demanded. I nevertheless concluded and determined to adopt and carry out your suggestions.

I would be pleased for you to inform me whether it may now be in time to accomplish the object you spoke of and if so whether you would be willing to undertake its execution.

You mentioned I believe that a day was fixed by the Indians for the interview but that you informed them that by that time Texas could not be ready.

Very respectfully

93.

Executive Department
Austin July 17th 1861

Hon S. A. Maverick,
San Antonio

Sir.

Having been informed that there may be a possibility of procuring arms and ammunition in Mexico I have concluded to make the effort to obtain them, and herewith send you a letter of authority in each case to proceed at once and as the agent of the State to make the purchases.

In the article of powder and lead you will see by your letter of authority that you are authorized to buy to the amount of 2000.00$ with the assurance that the funds will be held in the Treasury to meet your drafts for the purchase. Your authority in regard to transportation is also ample.

I apprehend more trouble in purchasing arms than Ammunition. In this I must invest you with all powers within the limits of your commission, relying upon your well known intelligence, integrity and patriotism. You are well apprized of the need of Texas in regard to arms we need them and must have them if we can get them. My information induces me to hope that they may be procured in Mexico If you shall succeed in finding such arms in Mexico as in your opinion will suit, you will purchase the same if you can do so at any thing like reasonable rates. If you cannot get the Arms in Mexico it may be that you may be able to make contracts with parties to obtain them in Europe to be delivered through Mexico to Texas. A due regard for the obligations of that government and of the dangers of loss to ourselves will readily suggest themselves to you. Not having the money in the Treasury to pledge for the payment of the arms and not knowing that we shall have for some time you must negotiate upon the credit of the State. If you can use the State Bonds in the transaction you will do so, and the Bonds will be furnished upon the delivery of the arms. You might go so far if necessary to make the purchase, as to contract for an advance or cash payment of twenty five per cent upon the amount of the purchase or you may stipulate for a rate per ct. interest not exceeding 12½.

The amount mentioned for the purchase of Powder and lead to wit 2000.00$ will be held for the payment of your drafts. In the matter of arms we are not so fortunate and this you understand. The position in which you are placed is a responsible one and one which will involve some considerable trouble. I have not hesitated to impose it upon you because I know your patriotism will not falter for a moment if it be possible for you to comply, and because I know of no one in Texas so have general acquaintance, business habits, and established character so well fitted for me to undertake this task.

Very respectfully

94.

Executive Department
Austin July 17. 1861

Gen. Van Dorn
Dear Sir,

Majr. De Bray whom I sent to you as a special messenger returned this morning tells me that he could see you only a few moments as you were just getting off for Galveston. I regret that he did not reach San Antonio sooner.

For the reasons stated in my letter by Majr. de Bray I am sorry that you could not conclude it expedient to assent to the change I proposed for the rendezvous of the companies for Virginia In asking the change and designating Brenham I was actuated alone by a disposition to promote the comfort and protect the health of the troops I think this would be better done by placing them near Brenham and Hempstead than the other points To expedite their departure for their destination however I will not insist upon the change hoping that they will not be long detained at said Camp I doubt not you will send them forward with all dispatch.

Majr. DeBray obtained an abstract or copy of your order to the mustering officers and by it I see that you require the companies to number One hundred and four officers and privates. Not having seen the laws of Congress touching the matter I of course do not know the prescribed number. Some of the Companies will meet the requisition, others will not without recruiting. If this had been understood in the beginning, the requisite number could have been obtained I doubt not in each instance. My understanding after seeing you however was that companies numbering not less than Sixty eight nor more than One hundred officers and privates would be received; these I understood to be the extremes. Our instructions to the Companies have accordingly been so framed. If it be possible that it may be so I would respectfully ask you to modify your order so as to permit it. I feel confident that it would benefit and facilitate the service, whereas I fear that adherence to the order will produce delay and much trouble.

The volunteers have been led to suppose that companies of the size above stated would meet the law and be accepted, and would feel greatly disappointed and esteem themselves unjustly treated if when they were presented to the mustering officer they should be rejected because of deficient numbers.

I feel confident it would create great disturbance and confusion and hence I would be pleased if you could change your order.

If you cannot, if such be the law, then I ask that when the numbers thought to be required are presented, the company be received and suffered to fill up afterwards if you can do so.

I have desired and yet do to cooperate with you in this business and my request to change the place of encampment for the troops was dictated entirely by the motives assign-

above. Col Green will put you fully in possession of my views touching this subject.

Very respectfully Yours.

Executive Department
Austin July 17 1861

A. G. Gregory Esq.
Post Master
La Grange
Sir.

Your letter of June 18. relating to the payment of cash in your office due the U. S. government to the mail contractors Peyton Sawyer & Rusk, was duly received; Also your communication of the 21st of June in regard to papers coming to your office from the excluded States and territories which are mentioned in my proclamation of the 8th June.

These letters should have been answered sooner, but I was necessarily absent from the seat of Government at the time they were received; Since my return the accumulation of official business has been so immense that I am just now able to attend to them.

The proclamation referred to is designed to apply to neither of the cases which you bring up. You should of course pay over to the mail contractors any funds you have due the U. S Government. Nor does it prohibit the delivery of papers &c which may come to regular subscribers through your office and from the States with which we are at war. If any such documents need your office, you are authorized to deliver them.

Very respectfully

Executive Department
Austin July 20. 1861

Sir,

You are hereby ordered to proceed with Mr. A. R. Evans to the residence of Col A. P. Bee near Goliad,

To Ch. Coe.
P. N. Luckett
San Antonio.

96.

Executive Department
Austin July 26 1861

To Capt G. Hoffman
New Braunfels,
Dear Sir;

On the 17th of April last I issued a proclamation requiring the Brigadier Generals of the Militia to appoint enrolling officers in the several precincts of their Brigades and made it the duty of these officers to call on all citizens able to bear arms, to organize into Companies. Instructions have also been furnished to the Brigadier Generals from the adjutant Generals office as to the plan of organization.

The Executive regrets to be informed that this order has not been carried out in Comal County. While he is ignorant of the cause of this failure he has too much confidence in the readiness of his German fellow citizens to respond to the necessities of their country to attribute it to a want of patriotism on their part.

Having full confidence in your ability and patriotism, the Executive hereby authorizes you to call on all citizens of your County able to bear arms and not incorporated in Companies who have volunteered for Confederate service, to form themselves into Companies of not less than sixty eight nor more than One Hundred and four. There will be distinguished as active and reserve companies, the first to be composed of young men of from 18 to 26 years of age who will march at the call of the Governor in case of invasion - the other of those who may not be able to leave their homes, and to serve for home protection.

As soon as the various Companies are organized you will report to the adjutant General and await further instructions.

Very respectfully

Executive Department
Austin Texas July 28. 1861

To His Excellency,
Jeff. Davis
President &c

Col Geo. H. White of this city will hand you this Communication. I avail myself of the opportunity of his visit to Virginia, to address your Excellency upon matters interesting to the Confederate Government, and especially so to the State of Texas.

Your Excellency is doubtless better apprized of the condition of affairs in Missouri and the progress of the war there than the authorities of Texas can be. The intelligence received here in the last several days from that quarter however, is deemed of sufficient importance to awaken our fe

and incite us to preperation. If Texas is soon invaded will it not be upon her Northern border? If our enemies succeed in overrunning Missouri, as they doubtless intend doing if able, will that result stay their progress? If Texas is included in the plan of operations upon this line would it not be better to meet the foe and Carry the war abroad than wait for it to come to her doors? Would not every battle fought in Missouri against an advancing foe, be a battle fought in defence of Texas?

If the acts of the Lincoln administration, so far as we know them indicate its policy as to Texas it is that her Northern border is marked as the point of present attack. This is the apprehension if not the conviction of our people

I have therefore esteemed it my duty to prepare to meet this danger in advance of its advent, and have arranged for putting at least four thousand Cavalry troops into immediate service upon our northern frontier and if need be to march them into Missouri. It is hoped that this movement will meet the views and coincide with the policy of your Excellency and is made on the part of the Executive of Texas in advance of any understanding in the premises because of his apprehension of the danger impending over Texas.

The organization of these troops is arranged to conform to the terms of your requisitions heretofore made upon Texas. In this connection I would respectfully ask, whether it is the policy and intention of the administration to accept no more troops for a less service than the war?

This is perhaps the proper place to ask the attention of your Excellency to an occurrence in the military transactions of the Government recently transpiring in Texas, which may result in injury and which if the newspaper reports be true, is likely to be soon repeated. Col C. Green who it seems was appointed to command the regiment taken from Texas for Genl McCulloch's Command came into the State, raised the regiment and marched it, without the authorities of Texas having official notice from any source of the movement. The Executive not knowing the exigencies of Genl McCulloch's service, and wishing rather to advance than in any wise retard the promotion of our cause chose rather to submit without complaint to this seeming discourtesy to the State. He apprehends however if such measures are to be persisted in a great deal of disturbance in the ability of the State to meet the demands that may be made upon her by the Confederate Government, to say nothing of the impotency they may impose for her own defence. Your Excellency will understand and appreciate the point and propriety of these remarks when it is stated that six companies of the Eight Thousand infantry troops required of Texas have been carried off in this regiment. These companies too were all of a character of troops more difficult to obtain in Texas than any other, and should the Executive be now called upon for the Eight Thousand Volunteers heretofore required of him he would find it exceedingly difficult to replace these six companies. If as has been observed "newspaper reports are true" parties are now

on their way to Texas, armed with authority from Richmond to take to Virginia a regiment of Cavalry. It is believed and hoped however that this is mere rumor without foundation in any act of the Government.

Texas does not object to a contribution of men to aid the Confederacy in any quarter where assistance may be needed. She has been and is anxious to participate in the strife now being waged upon Virginia soil and has promptly sent forward the twenty Companies your Excellency was pleased to require of her. The principal objection to the measures stated, is that they disappoint the authorities in their estimates of the ability to carry out the requisitions already made upon the State and render uncertain the power of compliance with any future ones. I would respectfully suggest too that a withdrawal of any more of our forces might under the threatening aspect of the times endanger our safety, or would at least if known to the enemy precipitate that invasion of our State which is now regarded as certain.

It is deemed proper to bring to the notice of your Excellency important information just received of the operations of the United States government in the territory of New Mexico. It is mainly contained in the copies of the "Mesilla Times" published at a point not many miles distant from Fort Fillmore, and is regarded here as reliable. Fort Bliss only forty miles distant from Fillmore is unfortified and occupied by nine Companies only. The concentration of so large a force immediately upon the borders of Texas indicates a purpose of some kind on the part of our adversaries. It can scarcely be meant for defence since no indication of an intention to invade that territory has been shown on our side. It is deemed sufficient however to merely submit the intelligence of these transactions to your Excellencys attention that they may be properly looked to.

Though it properly belongs to the Secretary of State I will state that the requisition for Two Thousand Volunteers to form part of an army of reserve and be placed in camps of instruction &c has just been received. It is introduced here to obtain some more definite information in regard to it. It is not stated what character of troops is desired. Whether they are to be subsisted by the Confederate government or the State or whether by claiming the control of them while in camp it is meant that they will from the time of going into camp be in the service of the Confederate government. It is important that these matters be made known to our citizens when they are called upon to respond to the requisition.

I have the honor to be

Your Excellency's obt. Servt.

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Executive Department
Austin July 29 1861

To the Hon Chief Justice
of Bastrop County.

Sir,

I learn informally that Genl Van Dorn has refused to muster into service three Companies of the twenty designated to go to Virginia. If this is so and I think it is, if your county will present a company of one hundred and four men or not less than Seventy five to serve for the war unless sooner discharged, I will accept it for Virginia service. If offered it will march immediately.

Very respectfully Yr. ob't Serv't

Note. A communication of like tenor and date of the above sent to Capt D. Shropshire at La Grange.

Executive Department
Austin Aug. 1st 1861

Sir;

You are appointed agent of the State of Texas to purchase Powder and Caps for the use of said state. Your commission states the purposes of your appointment and to accomplish your trust you are necessarily invested with a large discretion.

In the exercise of your agency you are expected to keep constantly in view the interests of the State - to purchase upon the best terms, to observe the greatest expedition in the transportation and the utmost haste and care in the delivery of the articles.

The caps desired are the Army hat caps. The articles are expected to be of the best quality. It would be best to send them on to Austin and whether it would be better for this purpose to send them through the Bonwick route or up Red River to Alexandria you must determine.

You must superintend in person the purchase of the articles and unless you accompany them to Texas they must be entrusted to careful and responsible agents. You will keep this department advised of your acts from the beginning.

Fifteen thousand Dollars is the limit given you in your commission. It is thought twelve thousand dollars will be sufficient for the purchase and transportation. The powder should be rifle powder.

You should contract for the delivery of the articles at some place in Texas, first at Austin or at some accessible point on

Red River.

It is deemed very essential that you should superintend the transportation of the articles to Texas taking care not to release, in any wise the responsibility of the Contractor until the articles are delivered at the designated point in Texas.

Should you arrange for a point of delivery other than Austin it is essential and required that immediate information of that fact be communicated to this Department and also special mention of the agent at the point of delivery.

It is presumed that Coe Howard Dollars will supply as many caps as we may need.

It is needless to admonish you of the destitution of our Treasury at this time. It is expected and desired that the greatest economy in the purchase of the powder and caps and the greatest care and alertness in their transportation to Texas be observed.

Respectfully

To Your obt servt.

Executive Department
Austin Aug. 9. 1861

Capt Wm M. Roberts

Sir,

On yesterday I conversed with you as to the chances and terms of service in General Sibley's Brigade.

I promised to write to you to day in regard to your company getting into said Brigade.

As with the understanding of this service had with you yesterday your company will go, you may prepare them for marching into camp as soon as I can see Gen Sibley.

Very respectfully

Your obt servt.

101.

Executive Department
Austin August 11. 1861

Genl Van Horn,

Dear Genl,

I learn through letters received here from Harrisburg that the volunteers there are getting sick and their friends are becoming very much easy about them. I was afraid of this, as I explained to you when I proposed Brenham as the place of rendezvous and hence the order of the Companies to march to Brenham. When I heard Majr de Bray say that you would march them on to Harrisburg, not mustering them at Brenham, to expedite their departure and save them the trouble of a second move, and to accommodate you also, I assented to their immediate march to Harrisburg. I had hoped however that you would find it convenient if they were not sent on to Virginia at an early day to place them at some point in the country where their health would be better secured. They will surely suffer greatly from disease at Harrisburg, and nothing else can be expected, than that the service from this cause will be greatly retarded and many of the men perhaps lost. I do not mean to complain of your motives because I do not know the reasons of your action and I do not think you would wantonly expose the health and lives of the men. But I do most earnestly request that you will place them while they yet remain in Texas at some healthy point and that ample provision be made for the comfort and restoration of the sick. In explanation of this last remark allow me to say that I am informed that they have not tents enough. I think it due to the volunteer that I should bring these matters to your notice and to yourself also that I should mention them to you.

Will you allow me respectfully to call your attention to the service on the Northern and North western frontier

In the last month or six weeks I have heard reports from said quarter written and verbal, of the presence of Indians and of the commission of depredations. Perhaps you have heard of these reports yourself and I should suppose you had. Nevertheless I esteem it my duty to mention them.

I have been anxiously awaiting the arrival of Genl Sibley in regard to his Brigade. I have already designated twenty Companies for it, but I fear many will decline on account of the terms of service. I trust the General will receive no Companies but those reported by me, the interference with the service has already produced much trouble.

Very truly Yours.

102.

Executive Department
Austin August 12. 1861

Col S. A. Rockridge

Dear Sir.

Your letter of the 8th inst is just rec'd. I am glad to know that you are likely to meet with such success in filling your company.

The companies for Generals Sibleys command have all been named, but some may and will decline on account of the terms of service. At present I can be ready to march if I should need him.

Very respectfully

Executive Department
Austin August 12 1861

Dan'l H. Sorbett Esq

Dear Sir.

Your letter of the 5th inst was received yesterday.

In the move which you propose making to Missouri, I cannot aid you. I am not authorized to send troops beyond the limits of Texas unless called upon by the Confederate government except to meet a danger menacing our State. I should have to do it then in an organized form. I have not been called upon by either Governor Jackson or President Davis for men for the service you propose. Independent movements of the sort too, are discountenanced by the President and I do not think you will be taken into service either by the Confederate government or the authorities of Missouri.

Again these movements have done and are doing a great deal of harm to the service in Texas and hence I am compelled to disapprove them. The evil has become so great that I feel called upon to voice a request to my fellow citizens to stop any other enterprises of the kind.

Do not understand me as reprobating your design particularly but as opposing all of the kind, and because of the trouble and danger they are entailing upon ourselves.

I know you all want service, and I would give it to you if I could. You may get it at home sooner than you anticipate.

Very truly yours.

103.

Executive Department
Austin Aug. 12. 1861

To Capt Thos Johnson
Tarrant County

Sir,

Your company of mounted troops have been selected to form one of the Companies of General Sibleys Command.

Your company will be required to mount themselves on good horses, furnish themselves with good arms and all other equipments, to enlist for twelve months and report to General Sibley at San Antonio by the day of 1861

Very respectfully

Executive Department
Austin Aug 13. 1861

Hon B. H. Gray
Mt Pleasant

Dear Judge,

Your letter of the 2nd inst has just been received. I cannot answer it at length.

Col Battle is authorized or required or required to prepare a Battalion in his district which with the Battalion to be prepared by Col Young west of you will make a regiment

The move of these forces beyond the State must depend upon their acceptance by the Governor of Missouri or the order of the President or the threat of danger to Texas from Missouri.

If there should arise an appearance of imminent danger to Texas from that quarter I should esteem it my duty to advance beyond our limits even to Missouri to meet it. I am inclined to think that we are in danger from that point. I therefore am endeavoring to prepare for it and want these regiments organized and ready for immediate service when needed

I am gratified that your citizens approve my administration.

Very truly Yours.

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Executive Department
Austin Aug. 13. 1861

To Capt. H. E. Eglebrecht.

You are hereby commanded to report your Company of Minute Men in Gillis County at the court house in Gillis County at the next ten command of said Col W. H. Parsons.

The time of meeting in Gillis County is the 20th of this month. You will immediately report to Col Parsons at that time you will join his regiment.

Your friend

Executive Department
Austin Aug 14. 1861

A. C. McClure
Esqr.

Your letter of the 8th inst. was received yesterday.

I have remitted the fine against Desperta, 1st because the regiment to which he belongs is in the service of the State of Desperta and secondly because the payment of the fine by the citizens of Desperta would be a punishment of the innocent and not relieve him of the payment of the costs of the suit.

Your friend

Executive Department
Austin Aug. 14. 1861

H. E. Van Alen
Esqr. Galveston

Dear Sir I came near being late to the meeting appointed however by General Van Alen owed to my detention. I am sorry to hear of your indisposition. I trust you will be able to be present at the meeting. I did not receive the papers you left at my office. I will forward them as soon as I can get a chance. I think it would be well to select the name of some prominent citizen of Texas who is a Democrat & who I may make the Honorary title. I will for them. & I suggest that for the present we should select three men one to be the Corresponding Secretary for the time & their working Chief whose duties shall be without

by the State or Confederate Government. The requisition is silent upon these points. You have a copy of it I think.

I am in some trouble too about General Sibley's Brigade. I do not exactly understand how it is to be raised. Though the letter of the Secretary of War did not impose upon me the task, I have been at work preparing the Brigade. The letters of General S. seem to say that he looked to me for the men to make up his Command. Some twenty companies had been ordered to San Antonio when I saw notice in the Houston Telegraph to the effect that General Sibley was raising the Brigade himself. This and some other matters formed the basis of my request to General Sibley through you in my last letter. As confusion might ensue from the Genl and myself both operating at the same time to raise his Command I have deemed it prudent to desist until I could see or hear from him.

I have communicated with the President upon the subject of these independent or individual movements in Texas to raise commands and take them away; they have already done much harm and if persisted in will totally incapacitate the State to comply with demands that may be made upon her for troops. I shall again, in consequence of efforts now going on, as I learn, protest against it and would be pleased to have your cooperation If continued, both you and I will be found wanting in the day of need.

I have been requested by Capt F. Gray of Houston to recommend him to you for a field position in one of your regiments and I cheerfully do so. I presume you know him and hence it is needless to say any thing in his commendation He is a gentleman of fine character and of Military education and ability, I am told and from his anxiety for the service will I think make a good officer

Shall I have the pleasure of seeing you soon, or of hearing from you?

Very truly Your friend

Executive Department
Austin Aug. 14. 1861

Col Wm. H. Parsons,
Near Col.

On yesterday learning that your regiment was not full and that Capt White would not go into it I accepted the Company of Capt Highsmith of Bastrop, and gave him an order to march forthwith to the rendezvous of Ellis County, and also to report to you the time he would join you. This order I hope will not interfere with your dispositions for the Regiment.

Capt Highsmith has a fine Company and I desire if you

have a place that you receive the Company. It is the only company yet furnished by Bastrop.

Yours truly

Executive Department
Austin Aug 14th 1861

Gen. E. B. Nichols
Galveston

Dear Sir,

Your communication of the 27th ult with accompanying papers was duly received. From that letter we have been expecting for some days to receive the bonds. As you have not sent them up or again written, I infer that you have not obtained them.

There has been but one bid received by the board of Loan Commissioners. The parties making it propose to take $35.700 at 85 cents on the dollar, payable in state liabilities.

Will you please inform me as to the prospect of getting the bonds and what chance if any you have seen of negotiating the loan. Also give me such information as you have, if any, as to the chance of getting arms &c.

I would be pleased to hear from you immediately.

Very respectfully
Your obt. servt.

Executive Department
Austin Aug. 15. 1861

Gen. Earl Van Dorn
Dear Genl

It is desirous that the property taken from the U. S. government now at Fort Brown be transferred to the Confederate States as contemplated by the Convention and Legislature. I was not really aware until the arrival of Capt Reynolds that this had not been done.

I had given instructions to Capt Reynolds to act for the State in some matters to be attended to at Fort Brown, but hearing that you had detained him at San Antonio to remain, and reflecting too that he is a confederate officer I have thought proper to appoint Charles Lovenskiold Esq. thereby revoking the appointment given to Capt Reynolds.

It may be that Mr. Lovenskiold will need transportation to carry out his duties and I therefore respectfully ask that you allow

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to have of those at Fort Brown, a sufficient number of wagons, and teams for the purpose, which will be returned to you at San Antonio.

You will oblige me by extending to Mr C. such aid in the premises as he may need and as may be convenient to you.

Very respectfully

Executive Department
Austin Aug. 15. 1861

Capt W. H. Reynolds

Dear Capt

Hearing that you had been at San Antonio by Genl Van Dorn and to remain, and reflecting that being a confederate States officer you would prefer that I appoint some one else to represent the State in the transfer of the property at Fort Brown to the Confederate Government and the forwarding such as may remain or belong to the State, I have appointed Charles Lovenskold for the purpose. You will therefore please transfer to him the instructions given you as well as all other papers furnished you and also the Two hundred dollars advanced to pay for transportation of arms &c to Austin.

You will please receive the reasons stated as the real and only ones for the withdrawal of the Commission given you and the appointment of Mr. C. You will oblige me also by giving Mr. C such assistance and information as he may need in regard to his business.

I would thank you for any information you can afford me as to the chances of getting arms &c in Mexico. Inform Mr. C about the horses.

Very truly Yours.

Executive Department
Austin Aug 15. 1861

Capt Chas Lovenskold

Dear Sir

You will find herewith the papers you desired and all that are necessary I think. The letter to Capt Reynolds is to your care. In his letter is an order to pay over to you the two hundred Dollars advanced him to pay for transportation of arms &c. Herewith is an order also.

I send by General Sibley also two hundred and fifty dollars.

to be handed to you for delivery to Genl H.P. Bee. Please give to Genl Sibley to be forwarded to this place, or to Col P. N Luckett your receipt for said Two hundred and fifty dollars and you will take the receipt of Genl Bee for the same, forward it to this place or render it in your settlement with the State. The package for Genl Bee you will please take charge of and deliver. I have written to Genl VanDorn as to your business and requested of him the transportation for you.

Please ascertain about the arms as soon as possible and write to me,

Very respectfully yours,

Executive Department
Austin Aug. 15. 1861

Capt W. H. Reynolds

Please pay to Charles Lovenskold Esqr the sum of Two hundred Dollars, advanced you to pay for transportation of arms &c from Fort Brown to Austin.

Very respectfully Yours.

Executive Department
Austin Aug. 15. 1861.

Gen. Hamilton P. Bee,
Goliad,

Dear Sir,

My private Secretary Mr Evans who has just returned to Austin informs me of your willingness to proceed to Mexico for the purpose of negotiating for the purchase of arms and ammunition, and accordingly I hereby entrust the mission to you.

I send to you by Mr. Charles Lovenskold who has consented to bear these dispatches two hundred and fifty dollars which will serve to bear your expenses. Any further compensation will be subsequently arranged to your satisfaction.

Your duty will be chiefly to negotiate for the purchase of Arms. I have ascertained that powder and caps may be obtained in some of the old States and have accordingly adopted measures to procure them.

Lead can be supplied through the merchants of San Antonio but it is the common Mexican lead and of too hard a character to be very useful. Quarter Master Reynolds of the Ord. Command informs me that he

lead could be bought in Brownsville or Matamoras. Should this be the case you may purchase, if the price is not extravagant, to the amount of six thousand dollars. This will be paid in Cash upon the delivery of the lead in Austin. If only hard lead can be found, it had perhaps better be obtained in San Antonio.

You will pay especial attention to the procurement of arms. If they are not in Mexico endeavor to have them brought from Havana or from Europe. But for this purpose the State has no money. Nor do I feel authorized to pledge the payment in Cotton. We have in this respect but two resources viz: State Bonds and United States bonds either of which you will perceive by the accompanying authority you are empowered to base the purchase upon. The U S bonds which perhaps in a foreign market would be more negotiable than those of the State will be held subject to the delivery of the arms. You are further authorized to dispose of these bonds at a reasonable discount in the event you can use them in no other way. It is important that the State should get rid of them provided it can do so without material loss.

If the lead also can be purchased for these bonds you will of course perceive the policy of doing so.

You will if convenient or necessary act in concert with Mr. George Giddings who is the agent of the Confederate States for the purchase of arms and ammunition, but all arms and ammunition purchased by you will be for the State of Texas.

I have been informed that there are in Matamoras some Enfield Rifles which were brought there for the Mexican Government, but the Government being unable to pay for them, they still remain on hand. This will merit your attention. Any further especific instructions from me are unnecessary.

The accompanying letter of authority will confer upon you all power which with your ability and experience will enable you to effect those purchases of which the state is so much in need.

Very respectfully Yr. obt. Servt

Sir; After finishing the above letter I have concluded it best to obtain the lead through San Antonio and therefore revoke that which I said to you about purchasing Six thousand dollars worth. You will give your attention especially to the obtaining of arms. Should you however learn that any quantity of soft lead can be obtained in Matamoras please inform me of the fact.

Yours &c.

Gen. H. P. Bee.

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Executive Department
Austin Aug. 16. 1861

Capt Thos Johnson

Dear Sir.

Your have herewith an order to march to San Antonio with your company to join Genl Sibley's Brigade It is understood that you have a good company well mounted and equipped and will cheerfully take service for the war. If your company will not enlist for the war, you will immediately notify this office of the fact that another company may be selected. It is also understood that you are ready to move, and it is expected that you march forthwith.

Your Company must furnish their own transportation, subsistence &c to San Antonio and reach that place at the earliest possible period. Genl Sibley requires haste.

Very respectfully

Executive Department
Austin Aug. 16. 1861

Dear Sir,

The Governor has been informed that Mr Henry Redman of Roma has One hundred Six Shooters, which he will probably sell to the State upon its credit The Governor desires you to write to Mr R. and ascertain whether or not he has the pistols, if he will sell them and upon what terms.

Very truly yours

To Col P N Luckett
San Antonio

Executive Department
Austin August 16. 1861

Genl Dis R. Hogg

Dear Genl

I want you to raise as soon as you can as many as five companies and send them forthwith to San Antonio. I want them for Genl Sibley. They are to be mounted. Each man will furnish and equip himself throughout, want good horses and good cavalry arms, each company to number 104 officers and privates or not less than 78. The term of service for the war unless sooner discharged. This is a good and certain service The companies must furnish themselves to San Antonio and find transportation as may be needed, but the lighter they come the better. Transporta

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will be furnished at San Antonio for the Service.

I believe Gammage's Company has been ordered, make it one of the five. I want your whole district to have a chance in this more but you must observe the utmost speed. You may appoint enrolling officers if necessary

Yours truly.

Executive Department
Austin Aug 17. 1861.

Capt M B. Highsmith
Bastrop

Dear Sir,

I have learned this morning that Capt White's Company has gone to join Col Parson's command in consequence of the fact that many of them were unwilling to enrole for the war. I write this that you may have notice of the fact before leaving home for Parson's regiment

Very respectfully

Executive Department
Austin Aug. 17 1861

Capt F. Gray

Dear Sir,

If under the authority sent you by Genl Burb to fill vacancies in the Companies for Virginia you have not completed the number, or if there is any Company that does not promptly respond, I desire that you accept Captain Cleveland's company of Polk.

It is not expected that companies from Coast Counties will be accepted.

Very Respectfully
Your obt. servt.

Executive Office
Austin Aug. 17. 1861

Capt J. M. Crane
Sir,

Your company has been elected for service in Col. Gillespie's Command.

Your term of service must be for the war unless sooner discharged. The company must assemble one hundred and ten officers and privates strong by ten o'clock A.M. each man must mount himself in a good horse and be armed & equipped with gun & cavalry arms. The Captain will report directly to San Antonio and provide the necessary transportation to that point when subsistence will be furnished by the Confederate Government and transportation provided for the expedition.

Yours truly.

Executive Department
Austin August 19. 1861

Hon. W. S. Hotchkiss
Commissioner of the Court of Claims.
Sir,

Whereas the application has been made by the President of the Eastern Texas Rail Road Company for Four hundred Sections of Land to which said Company is entitled by virtue of the Completion of one section of Twenty five miles of the road and

Whereas the engineer duly appointed to examine said road has reported under oath that the said Twenty five miles, upon which this application is made is entirely completed and ready for use, and that the same has been constructed, according to the provisions of the Charter of the said Company, and also the General Laws of the State in force at this time regulating Rail Road Companies,

You are therefore requested to issue to the said Company, thro its President or other Lawful officer, agent or attorney the said Four hundred Sections of Land, in land scrip of Six hundred and forty acres each.

Respectfully Yours

Executive Department
Austin Aug. 20. 1861

Genl Van Dorn.

Dear Genl.

The regiment for coast defence which you required of me is now full. The following are the Companies composing it.

Capt H. G. Runnels	Harris County	
" H. C. Simmons	"	"
" E. F. Williams	"	"
" Ashbel Smith	"	"
" F. H. Odlum	"	"
" B. Brooks	Robertson	County
" G. M. A. Fly	Gonzales	"
" N. A. M. Gwinn	Burleson	"
" John H. Wood	"	"
" Mutter	Galveston	"

These Companies have all signified their acceptance of the service and I desire that you will designate the point of rendezvous and the time for mustering them into service. It is very important that they be put into the service immediately, as without it they become very restive and are with difficulty kept together. But for the timely arrival of Majr. De Bray at Houston the other day Capt Smith's Company would have disbanded. He purchased provisions for them and pacified them for a while. They have expected to be mustered into the service, but no one it seems had been authorized to muster them in. I do not know that you have been informed before of these Companies being ready for you; so soon as you inform me of the time and place of mustering I will have the necessary orders issued to them.

It will be necessary that these Companies be provisioned as soon as they reach the rendezvous. As I stated, Majr. De Bray had to provide for Capt Smith's Company. I believe it is customary for the Confederate government to provision the troops from the time of arriving at the rendezvous.

If you are sufficiently recovered I would be pleased to have an answer to Majr. De Bray's letter to you touching the two thousand men required of me as an army of reserve.

In regard to getting a place for your nephew I have thought that it might be accomplished by appointing him to a supernumerary Lieutenancy to the Galveston regiment. If this will answer I will appoint him.

Would you like to have Capt Wilkies artillery company of this place. I want to get it into service. Wilke is a good officer. Perhaps Genl Sibley would like to have it.

I would like to have a full Conference with Genl S. or yourself the way that matters are now going on in Texas, and by action of the authorities at Richmond deranges and disconcerts every thing

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There are as many as five persons now in Texas with authority from Richmond to raise regiments, and without notice to the State authorities. Please let me hear from you.

Very truly Yr. friend.

Executive Office
Austin August 21. 1861

Genl. A. M. Truitt
Mexia

Dear Genl

Your letter of the 28th ult. was received many days ago. You will excuse me for not answering it sooner when I tell you that the office is completely overwhelmed with letters.

I am really sorry that you could not serve in the capacity of Brig Genl. I send you a blank Commission to fill up with some proper man and inform me.

I see that you offer five Companies for the war. If you will present them expeditiously they will be received.

Very truly Your friend

Executive Office
Austin August 21. 1861

W. P. Sandflee Esq.
Jefferson:

Your letter of the 19th ult has been in the office for some days.

I heartily approve of what you would accomplish. I am ready to take the responsibility to do any thing practicable in the way of making Texas ready to meet her foes. Unless the State Bonds would avail you however I am entirely powerless to render you any assistance.

The State cannot afford you the means in the way of money you require.

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.

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Executive Office
Austin Aug. 22. 1861

To the Delegation of Texas
in the Confederate Congress

Gentlemen.

Without troubling you with a lengthy Communication, I desire to ask your attention to a matter of serious consequence to Texas; one which has already produced mischief and will result in yet greater harm if persisted in, and to correct which I invoke your active interference.

I allude to the individual movements going on in Texas by authority as reported, from Richmond, to raise, and take our men out of the State. If rumor be true, and to some extent I know it is, there are as many as six or eight different persons in the State authorized to raise troops for the Confederate service without any notice whatever to the State authorities. The same course was pursued in getting Green's regiment for Genl. McCulloch's command, and he carried off in his regiment six companies raised for Confederate service under the requisition for eight thousand men. These movements entirely disappoint and derange the preparation of the State to meet the demands of the Confederate Government. I have now upon me requisitions from the Secretary of War and Genl. Van Dorn for three thousand infantry, besides the requisition for Genl. Sibley's command. In consequence of the individual movements mentioned, I seriously doubt being able to procure them. I will not complain here of this discourteous treatment of the State but simply protest against a continuance of such measures because of the great confusion and trouble which they have and will occasion. I think it not only proper that such a course of action should be stopped, but that the authority already given to persons to raise forces in Texas should be revoked.

A great many of our people have already gone to Virginia and other points. Texas is willing to do her part and more. She has been taxed heavily already. The day may soon come when her men will be needed at home.

My sense of duty impels me to make this communication, and I would extend it but the mail is about to leave.

I earnestly ask your attention to the subject matter of this letter.

I have the Honor to be
Very respectfully

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Executive Department
Austin Aug. 23. 1861

Genl. Van Dorn

Dear Genl.

Herewith I send you a copy of the requisition of the Secretary of War for the two Thousand men for the reserve army Upon a more careful reading of it I am satisfied as to its meaning What I most desire to have your opinion about is, as to where the camps of instruction should be located. What distance apart and what is meant by "accessible points." I will raise these troops as speedily as possible. Yet I fear I may have some trouble about it.

I shall turn out your Rio Grande regiment with all dispatch. Would it not be well for you to authorize the preparation of some of the companies in your section of the State? I regret that we cannot recruit those companies at Fort Brown Mr. Lovenskiold thinks he can raise four or five Companies. Do you regard Corpus Christi as included in the Rio Grande service? I ask this because I have given Mr. L. authority to have two companies raised there, and if suitable I will include them in the regiment you ask for. I have not companies enough now reported to make up the number you want and am having a call prepared to raise them. I will turn over as many of those that are ready as will take this service, but doubt not several new ones will have to be obtained. If you know where we can get any more speedily by appointing persons to raise them, I will immediately appoint them. I infer from your letter that you want the regiment raised as expeditiously as possible.

I have offered Capt Wilke of our Artillery company, service under your letter, and if he can procure a company he will take it. Would the guns I have here be of any service at the points for which you want your artillery companies? They are 12# Howitzers. Capt Wilke is a good officer.

I am very truly your friend.

Executive Department
Austin August 23. 1861

A. O. Green Esq.
San Antonio

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 19th inst. has been received.

It is of course manifest that the claim of Green V. Mitchell of Two hundred and fifty dollars for services rendered in connection with the seizure of the Grant train is just and should have been paid. With an immense accumulation of offici

business and being under the impression that the claim had already been adjusted by Col Crockett I had neglected to write to you in relation to it. As the Confederate Government will assume all the expenses connected with the seizure of public property in this State, it is presumed that said Government will settle your claim and I accordingly write to Gen. Van Horn by this mail in reference to it.

Very respectfully yours.

Executive department
Austin Aug 24 1861

Col Shropshire

Dear Sir,

Upon reflection I think it would be better to select for the investigation of the charges against the B B B & Colorado Rail Road Company persons entirely disinterested, and I therefore request that you forward me immediately the names of two or more good and proper gentlemen from Fayette and Colorado counties for this object. They will then be appointed, and I have selected Gen C. B. Nichols as one, learning that he was not interested.

Very respectfully

Executive Office
Austin August 26. 1861

Mr. Otto Kupferman
Seguin
Texas

Sir,

Your letter of the 14th inst has been received.

The letter enclosed is unobjectionable and you are at liberty to forward it.

Very respectfully Yours

Executive Department
Austin Aug. 26. 1861

Wm. John S Blalock
Plano
Collin Co.

Dear Sir.

Your letter of July 28. pro-
pounding certain inquiries in regard to my proclamation of 8th of June
has been received and I give you my reply to your three interrogatories.
1st Individuals citizens of the Government with which we are at war
returning to land which they may have held in Texas will not be per-
mitted to hold it, because they occupy the position of Alien enemies.
2nd Such individuals are incapable of selling any property which they
may own in the State of Texas.
3rd The same law will run against Minors

Very truly Yours.

Executive Department
Austin Aug. 26. 1861

Gen. Earl Van Dorn
San Antonio

Dear Genl

Your letter of the 25th inst is
before me.
Like you I regret that any trouble or delay should have occurred about
the Companies for Galveston. Since your letter of the last orders have been
issued to them to march to Galveston.
Capt Wilke is a good officer and is anxious for the service you offer, but
few of his Company however are willing to enlist, for the War. He is now
endeavoring to make up a company and will I trust succeed.
I send you a list of companies selected for the Victoria regiment. The
first six are regarded as certain and are said to be very well armed. The other three
it is thought will take the service but cannot be so reported, nor can I say anything
of their arms. I think I can get you the artillery and Cavalry Companies asked for.
I feel as you do about the chances of our being invaded soon; the inclosed proclam-
ation will shew you that I am trying to bring our people up to the Crisis.
I regret exceedingly that so many of our men are being taken away.

Very truly Yours.

The following is the list alluded to in the foregoing letter.

1st Capt Pierson Matagorda
2nd " Hampton Victoria
3rd " Cropland Indianola
4th " Philips La Vaca; and two at Corpus Christi authorized to be raised by C. Rovenskiold, and to be armed out of the State arms at Brownsville If you place Corpus Christi with the Rio Grande District then these companies will have to be supplied by others: or perhaps they should be kept at Corpus Christi, and I suppose the citizens there may expect and desire them to remain there

5th Capt C. X Owen Jackson Co.
6th " J. J. Wilbourne " "
7th " J. M. Brongh " "

These companies are supposed to be organized and to be willing to accept this service Nothing is known as to their arms. We think a company may be obtained at Goliad.

Executive Office
Austin Aug. 26. 1861

Hon. A. T. Wigfall
Col Hugh McLeod
Richmond, Va.

Genl. I read in the "Houston Telegraph" a dispatch of date Richmond Va Aug. 4. 1861 signed by you as follows: "The President is anxiously expecting the twenty Companies from Texas Forward this dispatch to Gov. Clark and publish it at Galveston"

These companies were upon the reception of the requisition promptly designated by me and put under marching orders to the rendezvous appointed by Genl Van Dorn. They were soon mustered into the service of the Confederacy and then my Control of them Ceased.

That they have not gone on expeditionely I doubt not Genl Van Dorn can readily and satisfactorily explain.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your obt Servt

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Executive Department
Austin Aug 26. 1861

Genl. H. H. Sibley
San Antonio,

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 22nd inst was recived on Saturday.

I have regarded expedition as all important in your command from the first and have acted upon that idea. I have already selected several companies for you and put them under marching orders. Some of them must have reported to you by this time, others I presume are on their way.

Very few enrolling officers have been appointed and only in cases where it was supposed they would quickly raise their companies. I did not designate any day by which they should report their companies because I did not know what time to name.

Some of those who have applied to you have already been ordered to repair to your Headquarters.

Being disposed to expedite your service as much as I can, I have no objection to your accepting companies offered you, except that more may be reported than can be recieved and in this way disappointment and confusion produced. If this can be avoided you are free to act for the raising of your Brigade. Mr Gray of Houston writes to the Adjutant General that he knows of eight companies who have reported to you or will do so. What companies these are we do not know here. You may rely upon my cooperation to accellarate your wishes.

With great regard
Your ob't. Ser't.

Executive Department
Austin Aug 26. 1861.

Charles Lovenskiold Esq.
Brownsville

Sir.

Your letter of the 17th inst was duly received.

I apprehend some difficulty in mustering the Rio Grande troops out of service, yet I trust you will succeed in effecting it without any material loss to the State.

The Comptroller has decided that they cannot be paid off in Victoria according to your suggestion as Treasury warrants can only be issued here. Indeed there is no State law providing for the payment of Ranger troops. Yet of Course the Legislature will provide for this.

Endeavor to get as many as posible of them to reenlist in the regiment which is required by Gen. Van Dorn. Any Companies which you can secure in this way will of Course be received.

I sent by the last mail, in compliance with your request a copy of Legislative acts of 1860, also of the Convention ordinances.

Very truly Yours.

Executive Department
Austin Aug 27. 1861

Capt A. M. Brongh
Jackson Co.

Dear Sir,

Gen. Van Dorn has called upon me for a regiment of Infantry to go to Victoria to serve for the war unless sooner discharged. Have you a company armed that would take this service? If you have such a company please report it to the Adjutant general at this place and march your company to San Antonio and report it to Gen. Van Dorn

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt

Executive Department
Austin Aug. 27 1861

Capt D. S. Welbourne

Dear Sir, Is your company still organized? Have you arms and would you take service in a regiment of Infantry to serve for the war unless sooner discharged in the region of Victoria If so please inform me immediately, as Gen Van Dorn has called upon me for such a regiment.

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.

Executive Department
Austin Aug 27 1861

Capt L. K. Owen
Texas

Dear Sir.

Now have I believe a company organized and ready for service.

Gen. Hamilton has just called on me for a regiment of Infantry to go to Victoria for service in that section of the State. I have selected your Company for this service. The time, for the war, unless sooner discharged

Will this service suit you? if so please report to me immediately and whether you are armed.

Very respectfully

Executive Department
Austin Aug. 27. 1861

Capt F. Gay
Dear Sir,

If you have not already filled up the twenty companies for Virginia, by selecting organized companies to supply the deficiencies in said command, you will receive the company of Capt D. B. Robertson of Washington County, and report the same to the Confederate mustering officer. This will give Capt Robertson preference of any company now being raised, this being a service now requiring the utmost expedition.

Very respectfully
Your obt. servt.

Executive Office
Austin Aug 28. 1861

W. H. Storm Esq.

Dear Sir, Yours of July 16th is just received. The State has need of all her arms and more. I must therefore require you to return the arms you procured from Gov. Rinnels.

Very respectfully

Executive Department
Austin Texas Aug 28 1861

To His Excellency
President Davis
Richmond
Va.

Sir. I accompany
ing report from the Hon Simeon Hart Commissioner of the State of
Texas to the territory of New Mexico was some time ago received at this
Department
By one of those unfortunate mistakes which will sometimes occur
this document was filed away with some papers, and in the multipli
city of business has been overlooked.
Trusting that this delay has not proved disadvantageous I beg
the honor of submitting it to your Excellency
Very respectfully
Your Excellency's obt. servt.

Executive Department
Austin Aug. 29th 1861

Thos. P. Carothers
Sup. of Tex. Penitentiary
Dear Sir,
I wish to obtain certain
information in regard to the manufacturing capacity of the Penitentiary
and as it is of immediate importance I conclude that my object can be attained
most directly by writing to you. I desire to know 1st The amount of
Jeans and Clothing (such winter clothing as would be required by soldiers) that
can be manufactured per month in the Penitentiary by directing its entire ener-
gies into that channel. 2nd The amount of fabrics you may have on hand
for the purpose above stated. 3rd The amount of your raw material-cotton
wool, leather &c in addition to what you have on hand you could make use
of for this same purpose. In short you will understand me when I say
that it is important to know the utmost that the Penitentiary can do
in respect to providing our soldiers with the requisites for a winter Cam-
paign and I trust that all information which the financial agent and yourself
can give me on this subject will be at once communicated.
Very respectfully

Executive Office
Austin Aug. 30. 1861

Gen. Earl Van Dorn
Aux Gen.

Your letter of the 28th inst by Mr Thomas was duly received. Capt Wilke could not take his company with him into Confederate service. He is trying to make up one and thinks he will succeed We assured that he will cheerfully cooperate with you in all things touching the service. I am pleased at the prospect of your coming to Austin. You will come to my house. I will wait until I see or until further correspondence with you before ordering the Camp of Instruction.

Very Truly Yours

Executive Department
Austin August 31. 1861

To the People of Texas:

The war in which we are now engaged will in all probability be prolonged for many months to come, and our soldiers exposed to the rigors of a winters Campaign, and it becomes the demand of patriotism, and of duty, that the people should supply them with those things which are essential to their Comfort. This can be effected at but little inconvenience and trifling expense to the people, and it will result in very material aid to the Government. Accordingly, I wish to advise the formation, in every County, of a committee, or society whose duty it shall be to solicit and receive from every family in the County a blanket or Comfortable. The articles thus Contributed, will be of little or no inconvenience to the families contributing, yet, when aggregated together they will afford an immense supply for our sick and wounded soldiers. The committee or society should have up the contributions as they may receive, and have them transported to Houston, Marshall, Sherman, Dallas, Austin or San Antonio from which points they can be sent forth wherever they may be needed. It is particularly requested that all supplies of this character, which can be sent to Houston be forwarded thither without delay, and from that point they can readily be conveyed to our army in Virginia. In those instances where it is impossible to send Contributions to either of the points designated, they should be taken in charge by the local committee and held subject to the order of the Governor of Texas.

In addition to these voluntary Contributions for the sick and wounded, our soldiers will require Clothing. And I further suggest that all articles of heavy clothing which can be

in the different Communities be at once put into shape. The clothing will be paid for in the Bonds of the Confederate States, and thus the manufacture may become the means of giving occupation to many persons throughout the State who would otherwise be unemployed. Of course the Committee or Society, should also take the management and control of this business into its hands.

I will presume to offer a further suggestion. It is believed that Southern Aid Societies will be formed in every Community, and they will judge best of the immediate means to be employed in accomplishing the end proposed.

Executive Department
Austin August 31. 1861

Wm. P. Nichols

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 27th inst is before me. The bonds have been received at the hands of Mr. Trueheart. I approve your action in regard to the U. S. bonds and I suppose we had as well suspend operations as to the sale of the State Bonds.

I am pleased at the prospect of getting arms. You will please avail yourself of the chance of getting arms to the extent of a thousand stand at least. I will pledge the money for the thousand stand I would do more if I could. If you can purchase with the U. S. bonds or coupons you may take a larger number than the thousand.

Very truly Yours.

Executive Department
Austin Sept 2. 1861

General,

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 20th ult enclosing an affidavit against one Abraham Dosch of San Antonio for treasonable acts against the Confederate States of America, and also the refusal of the local magistrate to take cognizance of the same.

It is unnecessary for me to remark my unqualified approbation of your conduct in the matter, and in consequence of the dereliction of civil officers to thank you for your prompt action.

As the refusal of the Magistrate was probably caused by

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ignorance of the law, I inclose to you a paper containing some extracts from and reference to the existing law upon Treason to which I trust you will refer this same magistrate and require him to act in the premises.

Should however he persist in his refusal I trust you will refer the case directly to Judge Devine under whose jurisdiction it properly comes; in the event however that he has qualified as Judge of the Confederate Court. If the magistrate should commit the accused and from the evidence he could do no less, I earnestly request that Judge Devine will either give the prisoner a trial or else appoint a commissioner to do the same

If the magistrate had consulted any lawyer in San Antonio he would have obtained the information contained in the accompanying paper.

You can rest assured General, that all that is in my power will be exercised to bring this and all other dangerous offenders to justice Open treason has too long gone unrebuked in certain portions of this State and I assure you time now that wherever it is discovered it should be crushed out Please inform me at once of the action you may take in this matter.

Your friend
and obt. Servt.

To
Genl Earl Vandorn
San Antonio

Executive Department
Austin Sept 3 1861

Messrs Fred. Barnard
John T Harcourt
A.N. Standeen and others
Gentlemen.

In reply to your petition of the 1st of August requesting an investigation into the affairs of the B.B. B & C Railroad, I have the honor to inform you that I have appointed Messrs E.B. Nichols of Galveston, E.W. Tate of Colorado Co and Jas. A. Gano of Fayette Co to conduct said investigation which is to take place in the office of the B.B. B & C.R.R. Co. and at which you are authorized and requested to be present or to be represented.

Very respectfully,
Your obt. Servt.

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Executive Department
Austin Sept 6. 1861

Charles Cowardold Esq
Brownsville

Sir:

A gentleman has communicated to me the following information. He says that there is in the vicinity of Reynosa on the Rio Grande a large salt lake which supplies the adjacent Country and the neighboring portion of Mexico with salt. The annual revenue from this source is said to amount to Fifteen Thousand dollars. This lake and the profits resulting from it are claimed by individuals in their own private right. But by an old Mexican law which was adopted by this State and remains still in force this Lake and all similar sources of public wealth were reserved to the State.

Now all this may amount to nothing but it is worth at least the consideration of being inquired into. And as you are on the Rio Grande I desire you if it comes conveniently within your power to find out whether or not it may be made a source of revenue to the State, i.e by the State taking possession of it and sending an agent there to collect the proceeds.

Of course you will keep this quiet for nothing may result from it

Very respectfully

Executive Department
Austin Sept 7. 1861

Hon L. P. Walker
Secry of War
Sir,

Immediately upon receipt of your communication of the 7th ult upon the subject of providing clothing for our soldiers the accompanying addresses were issued to the people of Texas

I have no fear that our people will fail to comply promptly with this call upon their patriotism. Indeed they had in many places anticipated the views and wishes of government and gone to work in the holy cause. The greatest difficulty apprehended is the adoption of a plan of operations which will render our contributions speedily available. I trust the one proposed will prove so.

Allow me to suggest that a large amount of Wool can be purchased in Texas for Confederate bonds or notes which could

be converted into cloth at our Penitentiary (capable of turning out One Thousand yards per day) and rapidly made into clothing in sections of the Country Contiguous to the Penitentiary. This would of course require an agent or agents to purchase the wool and to provide for its manufacture into the articles desired. It would also be expected that the State be saved from loss on account of the appropriation of the time and labor of the Penitentiary to the above purpose, unless for the purpose the success of our cause it becomes necessary for her to perform this service gratuitously.

Any suggestions which you can make to improve or expedite the plan proposed to accomplish the object desired will be gladly received.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully

Executive Department
Austin Sept 7 1861

Wm. H. Johns
Surgl & Med Director
Sir.

The accompanying addresses were issued to the people of Texas immediately upon the receipt of your communications of the 9th ult and the one from the Secretary of War of the 7th.

I have every confidence that our people will promptly respond and hope the plan proposed will prove successful.

If you can make any suggestions which will expedite the business I would be pleased to have them.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully

Executive Department
Austin Sept. 7th 1861

Col W. B. Young
Sherman
Dear Sir,

Your communication of the 28th ult is before me, having been received by the last mail but too late for an answer by return post as you requested. Let me now

to you that the letters coming by the mail on one day are not seen until after the departure of the mail on the next.

Your complain of my not having answered your former communications I have before this received letters from you, perhaps all you have written and have delayed answers because of reasons which I thought material and essential to the public interests I had intended to answer them all in one communication hoping that the considerations which induced the delay would transpire in time for me to do so before this. They have not as yet, and your last letter requires for itself at least immediate notice. At its tone and language allow me to remark I am greatly surprised. I shall endeavor to observe a different spirit and demeanor in this reply.

When I asked your suggestion and counsel as to the appointment of Quarter Master I was indeed earnest and candid I would have been greatly pleased to have followed your suggestion and appointed the gentleman you named. Had the recommendation reached me sooner the person named would have been appointed, and I have no doubt the selection would have been an excellent one. I wanted to hear from you as long as I thought the public service would permit, not hearing I appointed Mr Kirby. If he has not done well and has committed acts so injurious in their consequences to the public interests as you seem to think his friends here will be greatly mortified and disappointed. I myself regret very much to hear the bad state of things you relate. I have been actuated in this movement by a sense of duty and an honest purpose. I regret that it has so far met with so much opposition and met so many reverses. I have pushed it forward with all the speed the means at my command and the authority with which I am clothed would permit. More than this I could not do. I have even gone beyond the authority I have. By the last order sent Mr Kirby I trust a better state of things will have been inaugurated. As soon as difficulties were heard of here that order was issued. I do not know that those troubles were the same as those that exist at your camp for your troubles you do not relate.

I desire this movement in which you have been from the first a part and parcel and pleasingly so to be to progress and what I have done I will carry on until I am satisfied that it is unnecessary and the public interest require a change. As soon as I can hear from Quartermaster essential to be heard from in connection with this business and from Gen Sibley upon suggestions submitted to him I will write to you again. In the mean time I look to hear from you and expect you to go on in the prosecution of the duty entrusted to you.

I am very truly yours.

Executive Office
Austin Sept 7. 1861

Wm Jack Adams
Rusk,

Dear Sir:

Your Letter of the 26th ult was received by the last mail. I will cheerfully comply with your request by giving you such information upon the subject about which you inquire as I can. I have not seen the law but I learn that the Congress has passed an act authorizing the President to receive troops for a term of service not less than twelve months nor more than three years either as Infantry, Cavalry, Artillery or mounted riflemen. This is I presume correct. In addition however have I been called upon for any troops for a shorter service than the law except the first eight thousand that were called for, and when they have been put into service the term has been changed by their consent of course to the new term. I have consulted Gen'l Van Dorn and Sibley both upon the subject and they have told me that no more would be received except for the new. They may not at the time however have known of the law establishing another service. That such a law has passed I feel satisfied though my information is obtained from persons who say they have seen the law. It is a mistake however that those who enter the Confederate service can limit their field of operations to the State. They will be liable to go wherever the President may order.

I do not approve these individual organizations, they have done much harm and will do more, besides I desire our men now remaining to stay and have no. I wish however yourself and Mr Manley and your whole company the greatest safety and a rich reward of glory.

Yours truly,

Executive Office
Austin Sept 11. 1861

A.R. McKain
Capt. Brown Co. Minute Men,

Sir. The petition of your company asking for 1 Keg powder, 100 pounds lead, 12 doz. boxes Caps, and 12 Rifle shooters has been received. I am sorry to inform you that the State has not a sufficient supply of arms and ammunition to comply with your demand. It is hoped that Col. McCulloch's command will be able to furnish your citizens that protection they require.

Very respectfully

Executive Department
Austin Texas Sept 14. 1861

Hon L. P. Walker
Secretary of War
Richmond Va

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th ult. to the effect that the regiment of Cavalry which went from Texas and joined Brig. Gen'l McCulloch at Fort Smith about the 30th of July "were denied arms by the authorities of Texas upon his (McCulloch's) requisition therefor."

In reply it will be sufficient to state the following facts.

1st No requisition was made upon the authorities of Texas for arms for the above mentioned regiment.

2nd Had such a requisition been made it were entirely beyond the power of the authorities of Texas to comply with its demands from the fact that the State was, and continues to be, destitute of arms those seized by Texas from U. S. troops having been transferred to the Government of the Confederate States on or about the 10th of April

3rd The authorities of Texas received not a word of official information either from the Secry of War, Brig. Gen. McCulloch or from Col Green commanding the regiment. It was authorized, organized and removed from the State, independent of State authorities, and without their official knowledge.

The only thing approximating or alluding to a requisition is a letter from Brig. Gen'l McCulloch with this reference to arms for the troops which he had been appointed to command "Two thousand of the arms at San Antonio are ordered to Dallas, also one Battery of Artillery." The communication containing this extract was dated April 12th at which time, as you are aware, the arms in Texas had been transferred to the agents of the Confederate States.

Dallas is the point in this State where the regiment of Col Green made its rendezvous. Hence the only conclusion was that the agents of the Confederate Government had been ordered to send arms thither for the purpose of arming this regiment. The above quotation from Gen'l McCulloch's letter is the only intimation in respect to this regiment from any one of the authorities interested which has ever reached this department.

From the foregoing facts you will perceive that no blame can attach to the authorities of Texas. They have faithfully endeavored and will continue their efforts to meet every requisition which has been or may hereafter be made upon them by the Government or the authorities of the Confederate States.

Very respectfully

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Executive Department
Austin Sept 16. 1861

Charles Kendrick Esq
Brownsville.

Sir

Your communication of the 9th inst was received yesterday. Your previous letter from San Antonio was answered to the effect that it was the Controllers opinion that the troops could not be paid off in Treasury warrants at Victoria.

There can be no doubt of the fact from the facts which have come to light that the troops at Fort Brown have been grossly neglected, and while the authorities here seek to evade no part of the responsibility or blame in the premises, the whole matter will be explained and set right when the Legislature meets. It will then perhaps be seen that the faults lie at other localities than Austin. Of course I regret the sufferings occasioned by the neglect of the troops and am gratified to learn of their military discipline and behavior under such unfavorable circumstances

The muster rolls presented by Capt W. McReynolds on his recent visit to Austin were the first ever returned by Col Ford of his command. According to these rolls it appears that the term of enlistment of all these troops, one company alone excepted, expires on the 17th inst but in regard to this I do not wish you to be punctilious with the volunteers.

I trust you will have succeeded in raising a force for the protection of Fort Brown before the companies leave. Your action in reference to Commission to Kelly Davis and to Capt Brewer under the pressing emergency of the case I approve.

Upon inquiry at the Comptrollers office I find that the amount drawn by Maj de Bray for Capt Reynolds was $200. Though that he received the whole amount I am unable to say, as Maj de Bray is absent and has left no record from which to ascertain the figures.

This advance to the Captain was for a specific purpose and its appropriation to a different use was to say the least unauthorized but I am not disposed to find any fault in advance of the Captains explanation tho I suppose presumed he was doing right and subserving the interest of the State.

I send you by the bearer of this five hundred Dollars, the amount you ask for to carry out your wish. I deem it unnecessary to state that the State is hard pressed and that you will observe the strictest economy in the transportation of the troops and the State property. I will correspond with Gen. Sibley in regard to the purchase of Cannon

Very respectfully Yours.

Executive Department
Austin Sept 17. 1861

Genl E. B. Nichols
Galveston

Dear Genl

Col Briggs of your City informs me that cannon of secure character and superior range can be cast and equipped in your City and that he thinks our State Bonds might be made available to procure some for the State. If so I am disposed to appropriate such number of them for the purpose as will pay for equipping as many as six or eight of such guns as may be proper for field operations. About this you will know better than I, and then you can consult Col Briggs more. If any may be needed of calibre necessary for the defence of your City or other Coast points and they can be cast I would be disposed to have them made. I will submit as I have stated to Col Briggs this matter to your discretion and judgment as to its propriety &c

Col Briggs says as I have stated that he thinks our bonds can be used in this way and while upon this subject I remember I believe that Mr Wood of Galveston desires to invest one or two thousand Dollars in State bonds.

Allow me here to say, or to mention that the time approaches when we may expect more guns from Cuba

Forward me also as early as possible the report I asked of you the other day through Mr Evans. I want it for notice in my message.

Yours truly

Executive Department
Austin Sept 17. 1861

Genl A. P. Bee
Brownsville

Dear Sir,

Your communication of the 7th inst has just been received and I hasten to reply to it.

Your contract with Messrs Burchard Heo and Acting, Briggs & Co of Matamoras stipulates for the immediate delivery of the N. O. 5 per ct Bonds that they may be sent to Europe and disposed of in advance of the purchase of the Arms.

Your power and your instructions fully authorize your action but it was the expectation, not expressed however, that the Bonds should not be delivered until the arms were brought to the point of delivery agreed upon. I presume however and indeed you so state that no other arrangement than the one made could have been consummated and the objection which I have mentioned would be obviated were not for an obstacle which has just arisen to my notice and which

for the Creation of Texas is indispensable.

Gen. Sidney Sherman has been employed as Com Commissioner for the State to dispose of these Bonds for negotiation. He has written to the Comptroller to transfer them in consequence of the repudiation by the U.S. Government of all the bonds in our possession at the time of the secession of the State none having been endorsed can be negotiated as the fact must be known that I became Governor after the secession of Texas.

I will here state that these Bonds are so framed that they are not negotiable without the Governors signature. By virtue of an understanding at the time they were issued this became a prerequisite to their negotiation or transfer. This difficulty existing it would be useless and unnecessary now to send the bonds as the only chance to avoid this is to procure the endorsement of Genl Sherman the Governor antecedent to secession. This being accomplished as the interest was to first date and as Genl Sherman the Governor before the secession pointed no valid objection to them could be urged.

Since this obstacle has come to my knowledge I have not been able to communicate with Genl Sherman but do know that he would not endorse the bonds but presume he would.

This trouble will necessarily cause a suspension of your contract for a month at least. I do not deem it unwise or discouraging for negotiation I regard it as a very favorable one under the circumstances for contracts would immediately conclude it if it were in my power to do so. There are other difficulties in the way but I might overcome them.

I feel much obliged to you for your prompt and energetic action and regret exceedingly to find myself so much embarrassed as not to be able to approve it immediately.

I trust you will secure all approvers and that can be obtained in Matamoras. The number will not be so great but that the money can be provided to pay for them.

If you succeed in getting any you will be able to provide for sending them in the trains which will bring Rose now at Fort Brown. You will perceive that it will be unnecessary for you to remain in Brownsville as some time must necessarily elapse before any thing can be done.

As soon as any further action becomes possible I will send a communication to you at your home which can be forwarded if you are not there.

Very Truly
Your ob. Servt.

Executive Office
Austin Sept. 18. 1861

S. M. Swenson Esq.

Please pay Burditt Five Dollars to pay expenses to Bastrop out of the amount deposited with you by R. B. DeBray Asst. Adjutant General.

Executive Department
Austin Sept 19. 1861

Brig. Gen. P. O. Hebert
Commdg Dept. of Texas.

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Communication of the 16th which was handed to me this morning. I will answer by the mail which goes to day to Galveston and by the first mail to San Antonio

I am happy to know that you have arrived in Texas for the purpose of taking charge of the Military Defences and take pleasure in extending to you the assurance of my prompt and Cheerful Cooperation in every instance where it may be in my power to assist you in the accomplishment of your duties.

It will gratify me very much to meet you in person at as early a day as your convenience will permit.

Your request to be permitted to receive such Volunteer Companies as may report themselves to you is willingly complied with.

I would be pleased however, when Companies are received by you that the Adjutant General at this place be informed of the fact.

I learn that Capt Ballue of Brazoria County has a full Company of Infantry and desires to get into service.

If may be convenient for you to accept his Company at once.

Allow me to extend to you the hospitalities of the Executive mansion, while you visit Austin.

Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.

Executive Office
Austin Sept 19. 1861

Col Wm P. Rivers

My dear Sir,

You must really pardon me for not answering your communication. I have been and am yet entirely overwhelmed with correspondence and other business. Besides I have not been always well. Another main reason of my not writing however has been the return of Col Flournoy and Majr de Bray the former of whom was sent to Matamoras and the latter to Richmond on very important business connected with your expedition. Their long delay has given me great trouble and uneasiness. I know how delay disorganizes a set of volunteers when they are anxiously asking service and desiring orders to march. I fear that injury may have already come of this. And I learn by letters received this morning from Col Young that complaint and trouble have arisen in his command. I hope it may not be the case but I have tried very hard as far as under the circumstances I could try to get your command and the others to be connected with it into the service. Col Flournoy brings me the gratifying intelligence that the whole command has been accepted for Confederate service and will date their service from the time of arrival and mustering in at your rendezvous in Texas.

The bearer of this takes to you and to Col Young regimental & Brigade Adjutant Generals orders for immediate preparation for marching and also to Maj. Kirby to prepare on his part. I must request that you correspond with Cols Baylor and Locke notifying them of this intelligence and consequent move.

Majr de Bray has not yet returned and hence I cannot communicate the order from the War Department for your acceptance, nor any details. From Col Flournoy's report however I feel very safe in preparing you for an onward move. Majr de B. must soon return and will doubtless bring the expected order and means to procure transportation &c These matters should however in the mean time be looked to.

If the command is consolidated before reaching Gen'l McCulloch's head Quarters it must of course be under command of the senior Colonel which would I believe give it to Col Young. If you go by regiments the Col's of the respective regiments will of course control his own command.

I deem it due to you and your command and to myself to say that I infer from what Col Flournoy tells me as that you may be required to dismount upon junction with General McCulloch. This I fear may be unwelcome news to our troops, but it is the only way in which they should be required to dismount, in which they will be mounted.

I say this upon the report of Col Flournoy. The reply of the President expected by Majr de Bray may be of a different character.

I trust that this communication will be acceptable to our men. it is the best so far that I have been able to accomplish. Hoping for a propitious course of things soon

I am very truly your friend

Executive Office
Austin Sept 19. 1861.

M. P. Acton Esq.
Henderson

Dear Sir.

Your letter of the 2nd inst was received last week. You will excuse me for not replying sooner. I have been awaiting the return of Col Flournoy from Missouri and Majr De Bray from Richmond. Col Flournoy has just returned Majr De Bray is still absent. Daily looked for. By Col Flournoy I have the intelligence that three troops have been accepted by the Confederate Government and will be expected to go to Missouri and join Genl McCulloch. I am to day sending out notice to the Commanding officers of regiments to make preperations for an onward movement. I am expecting when Majr De Bray returns an explicit order from Richmond with all necessary details and then the order to move will be immediately issued. Col Flournoy must be greatly mistaken or there can be no difficulty about this matter.

Very truly yours.

Note. Communications of like tenor and date of the preceding two were dispatched to Colonel M. T. Locke at Lafayette, Nueces County and to Lt. Col. James J. Diamond.

Executive Department
Austin Sept 19. 1861

Thos. O. Carothers Superintendent and
M. C. Rodgers financial agent of the
Texas Penitentiary

Gentlemen;

Your communication of the 4th inst was duly received.

I desire you at once to devote the whole of your force available for that purpose to the manufacture of woolen goods You will then have the fabrics dyed to the extent of your ability. It is further my wish that you have as much of this material made into clothing at the Penitentiary as posible, and that you permit any regularly organized "aid society" in the State which may apply to you for material for the purpose of making it into clothing for the use of our Soldiers to have such material on condition of giving a receipt therefor. You of course will understand that the Confederate States and especially the State of Texas becomes responsible for payment for these issues. You will retain all clothing you may make and all fabrics not issued for the purposes of manufacture subject to the order of the Governor of Texas.

If after bestowing all possible attention upon the manufacture of woolen goods and clothing you can still continue to make cotton goods I hope you will do so and hold all your material for the construction of Tents likewise subject to the order of the Executive of Texas.

I have solicited the Secretary of War to place the State in funds immediately to pay for all these things and am satisfied that he will do so. The Confederate bonds and Treasury notes which will certainly be supplied will of course secure the purpose of sustaining your Institution.

Very respectfully

Executive Department
Austin Sept 20. 1861

W. T. Yeoman's Esq
Rusk,

Dear Sir.

Your letter of the 2nd inst together with some from other gentlemen in your town has been received.

The Camps of Instruction about which you write have not yet been selected, nor can they be until I have conferred with the Confederate officer commanding this Military department Brig Genl Hebert. I am expected to have a personal interview with him in a day or two. I mention this order that you may be informed that the selection of the camps for

troops must rest with this office. He is immediately to muster them into service control and supply them, and must select the point which suits him best in a military point of view. If the General determines to establish a camp in the East you can rest assured that I will place before him the advantages of locating it at the place you suggest.

Please communicate the contents of this letter to my friends E.A. Guion R.H. Guinn and A. Jackson.

Yours truly

Executive Office
Austin Sept. 23. 1861

L. R. Evans Esq.
Sir,

You will proceed at once to San Antonio and conclude with any reliable and responsible party a contract for the purchase of _____ thousand pounds of lead of the best quality to be obtained and upon the best terms as to price that you can, to be delivered at Austin not later than the _____ day of October prox.

Before concluding any contract you will ascertain if you may not be able to procure this amount of lead in San Antonio without the intervention of an agent and upon equally advantageous terms. This may save expence.

You will also ascertain before making any purchase or contracting with any one for a purchase whether or not Genl Hebert is expected and authorized to procure and furnish ammunition &c for the defence of Texas and if so you will leave the matter entirely with him, otherwise you will carry out your mission under these instructions.

The character of lead which it is understood we can get, is such that no more is desired than necessity requires, as however we may be compelled to use it, you will ascertain what amount can be obtained upon short notice and upon what terms.

Yours truly &c

Executive Office
Austin Sept 23. 1861

Gen C. B. Nichols

Dear Sir,

Mr Burham of this City read to me to day a communication from Mr Kittlepage who is now in Galveston preparing machinery for making minnie balls. When he left here for Galveston I caused to be advanced to him by the State to test his invention, and therein he asked for the sum of One hundred and fifty Dollars. He writes to Mr Burham that this is not enough and asks for further help. He also states that Genl Hebert and others to whom he has submitted his model approve it and that Genl Hebert would appoint some proper person to examine and report upon it.

Mr Kittlepage's object in his letter to Mr Burham will obtain further aid from the Treasury in the execution of his views & therefore request that you examine into this business or appoint some competent person to do and report to me whether or not it is advisable further to pursue. His experiments

I am very truly Yours.

Executive Department
Austin Sept 24. 1861

Brig: Genl P. O. Hebert

Sir,

This will be handed to you by my private Secretary Mr A. R. Evans whom I take pleasure in introducing to you. Mr Evans is dispatched to you upon business of importance which he will fully explain in all particulars not mentioned in this communication.

I am pleased to find by a communication of date the 31st of August from the Secretary of War to Majr De Bray that you are clothed with full power to protect the military interest and welfare of the State of Texas.

There is now organized in Northern and North Eastern Texas four regiments of mounted men. These troops are called out by me, at a time when danger threatened in the direction of Missouri and with the view of meeting that danger in advance of the limits of the State. They were ordered out for twelve months unless sooner discharged. They are fine troops, splendidly mounted and I am informed very well armed.

These men should be received into service by the Confederate Government. They volunteered readily. They have mounted and equipped themselves at great expense and are anxious for service. If is not a greater coming force than may be needed in Texas. Whether or not I think not be disbanded. If they should be, it may be difficult to meet future requisitions.

If you should accept these regiments as Majr De Bray says I

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have consented to do upon condition I procure and a mustering officer immediately to them to muster them into service and he should be instructed to take others in his route.

I regret that circumstances upon personal interview, and upon which receive this letter in the way of suggestion, prompted by an earnest desire to promote the cause in which we are engaged in the which you may at all times rely upon my most hearty Cooperation

I am respectfully &c &c Sam Houston

Executive Office
Austin Sept 25 1861

Hon C. H. Randolph &
C. K. Johns,
Gentlemen,

I am in receipt of yesterdays proceedings to postpone the payment of the public debt of the late Republic of Texas, Clerks and Sheriffs Costs, District Attorneys fees, indemnity for slaves executed &c. &c before me,

I am asked my Concurrence in the proposition which you make, confident that there exists a necessity for the measure upon perusal I intend to it.

Respectfully Yours.

Executive Office
Austin Sept 25. 1861

Col A. C. McCulloch
Dear Sir

You will herewith find a Subpoena for the person Bridwell of this County. You are as you will perceive to take copy of a capias which they will shew you in search of one James Rogers charged with the commission of a murder in this County... They have heard that he is in some Company in San Antonio. If so I desire that he be arrested and delivered to them to be taken back to this County to answer the charge against him.

Very truly Yours

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Executive Office
Austin Oct 12th 1861

Messrs Thos Carothers and
M. C. Rogers:

Your letter of the 24th ult in reply to mine of the 19th is just received.

In reply permit me to say that I fully appreciate your suggestions in regard to the application of the products of the Penitentiary to the use of the soldiers. I was not unmindful of them when I required you to direct your labor to this purpose. It was not intended to divert the entire proceeds of the Institution to the furnishing of our army, until the Confederate government had provided means in some shape and to such extent at least as would enable you to keep up operations. I have informed the Secretary of War that while it was my desire to employ our Penitentiary in the manufacture of material for clothing for our volunteers it could not, in consequence of our present monetary condition and in view of the fact that the Institution had to sustain itself, be done without the necessary advances from the Confederate government. No other means can of course be expected than Confederate bonds or certificates of debt. These, it seems to me would answer in payment of supplies of any kind necessary for the Penitentiary.

As yet I have given no orders upon you and shall endeavor to refrain from doing so, to an extent that will tax you beyond your ability to comply without injury to operations. Until the expected means from the General Government to pay for your fabrics is received, you are not expected to furnish material for clothing &c to an amount that would place your receipts below the actual necessities of the institution. These being secured, we should be willing in view of the straightened condition of the Confederacy to turn out whatever we can that may be needed, if necessary, without demand of payment upon delivery.

It is expected and so it should be, that the States come promptly forward in the present crisis, and assist the Common Government to the extent of their power in any way she may need assistance and doubtless they will.

I approve your suggestions in regard to such debts as you have contracted for supplies and do not wish to interfere with your compliance with them.

I have noticed I believe all the material points of your letter. This will also answer the letter of Messrs Milsen, Roe & Robinson Directors R. and I desire that you will do me the kindness to show it to them.

Very respectfully
Your obt. servt.

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Executive Office
Austin Oct 1st 1861

A. N. Jackson
Act adjt Genl C S.A.

Sir,

Your communication of the 28th ult accompanied by bill of Mr Chapman for map for Genl Sibley is received.

I did not expect at the time that the map was asked for for Genl Sibley that any charge would be made for it. I understood Capt Chapman as assenting to the use of the original for the purpose of obtaining the Copy for Genl Sibley without expectation of reward. The work was done by an employee in the land office here and is not charged for.

Capt Chapman said nothing to me about being paid for the use of the original map in this case and his charge therefore surprises me.

If correct to make any the charge is I think very high.

I am respectfully
Your obt servt

Executive Department
Austin Oct 3rd 1861

Gen. P. O. Hebert
Galveston

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt through this mornings mail of a copy of your letter of the 30th ult handed my private secretary in Galveston.

I shall transmit immediately to Cols Young and Parsons orders based upon your acceptance of their regiments. I would have been pleased to be able to inform both of the service in which you will engage them, as I know it is a subject upon which they are much interested. I presume however that you design employing them in the State.

I regret exceedingly that you could not receive the other two regiments now ready for service in North Eastern Texas. They are organized and anxiously desire service. They are mounted troops and as I think might be willing to take service as Infantry, in preference to being disbanded. Regretting to disappoint them and fearing the result of a disappointment upon any future necessity that may come upon me for volunteers I regret very much indeed to have to discharge them. If you think you will need more Infantry I believe these men would enter that arm of the service, and be [illegible] soldiers. I know cannot be obtained in the State.

I regret to hear that you have been so embarrassed by the condition which you found this Military Department I [illegible] that

had been as well prepared for defence as the ability of the Confederate and State governments would permit. Since the first of June last or thereabouts the coast defence and especially that of Galveston has been confided to the Confederate authorities. I sincerely trust that you may in reason make preparation for the reception of new enemy should he conclude to make no a visit upon our coast. With a view to this end I have authorized the making of Cannon at Galveston and have agreed to purchase some already made at Waco if suitable and worthy. I have also recently tendered to Col McCulloch such State arms as we have and have sent him One hundred and seventy colts improved revolving pistols, and have subject to your order and acceptance a few muskets and four twelve pound Howitzers with carriages but without Caissons. These might be made available perhaps on the Coast. In offering these arms I imposed the restriction of their being retained in the State for the use of defending the State.

The regiments of Cols Young and Parsons are clamorous for service and fret under their confinement in Camp and I would therefore respectfully suggest that they be mustered into service and given active employment at the earliest possible moment

Assuring you of my hearty Cooperation in all things necessary for the speedy accomplishment of your wishes,

I am very respectfully
Your obt. servt.

Executive Department
Austin Oct 4 1861

Col M. T. Locke

Dear Sir,

Your letter of 13th ult was received only a few days since. It would have been immediately answered but for the reason that I had in a great measure anticipated it by mine of the 19th.

In my letter of the date referred to upon the report of Col Flournoy I advised you to be prepared for an early movement in the direction of Missouri and that upon the return of Majr. De Bray from Richmond I expected notice of the acceptance of your regiment by the President with positive & detailed orders. Instead however Majr De Bray who returned only last week brought the information that the Commanding general of this Department had all necessary authority in the premises. Therefore I dispatched a messenger to Genl Hebert urging upon him the acceptance of yours and the other regiments in Northern and North Eastern Texas stating why you had volunteered, for what term, and how you were mounted and armed &c. In his reply just received he accepted two of the four regiments naming those of Young and Parsons as the

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By return mail I wrote again to Genl Hebert deprecating in decided terms the non acceptance of yours and Col Bates regiments. To that letter I have as yet had no response. I have little hope however that he will change his decision.

Under the understanding between Col Flournoy and Col McCulloch at Little Rock Arkansas I felt authorized to send you to Genl McCulloch but as stated to you in my letter of the 19th inst I felt apprehensive that you would be required to dismount when you reached him and this I feared would retard our volunteers. My fears have since been realized by the Proclamation of Gen. McCulloch in which while he asks for more help from Texas he refuses to take any but Infantry and for a shorter time than three years or the war.

Thus after having done all in my power to give you service I am compelled to follow up my former Communication, my hopes to the Contrary Notwithstanding, by unpleasant tidings. But I have not despaired and if I am not mistaken I will get you into service.

If you are disposed to take Infantry service in Texas I think you can get it. If on the other hand you are disposed to go to Mr Culloch you can have that service and I will afford you transportation. I would rather however take my chances now in Texas.

I would be glad that your regiment would not at any rate immediately disband. I do not regard you as cut off from service. Col Young has gone to Richmond to have his regiment taken into Confederate service and he will likely succeed. If he does this leaves an opening for your regiment.

I will not act upon your suggestion as to ordering an election for another Senator in your District until this matter is concluded.

I assure you and your regiment that I will continue my efforts for your accommodation.

Very truly your friend

Executive Department
Austin Oct 4th 1861

Col Wm H. Parsons

My dear Col.

Your letter of 24th Sept was received some days ago. I could not answer by return mail as the mail had gone before your letter came to the office. I could not answer as soon as you desired because I was awaiting information confidently expected by Maj de Bray from Richmond and afterwards from Genl Hebert to whom I felt compelled to send a messenger, after the return of Majr de Bray. The last mail brought me the reply of Genl Hebert.

Upon the report of Col Flournoy then just returned from Missouri

I wrote to you to make preparation for moving to Missouri and expected from the representations to receive by Majr DeBray a positive acceptance by the President of the Four regiments, and detailed orders for their disposition. The answer received by the Majr instead, was that the Commanding General of the department was clothed with ample authority to protect the exterior and interior of Texas Therefore I immediately dispatched my private Secretary to Gen. Hebert with a communication strongly urging the acceptance of the Four regiments Ild prepared for service. From the report of Majr DeBray I had hoped that these regiments would be received, but the General would take only two (Yours and Col Young's. I immediately wrote to him again deprecating the rejection of the other two regiments in strong terms. I have not heard from him yet and have some hoped of still being able to have the other two regiments taken. I feel pretty confident they would accept service as Infantry. I dislike very much the disappointment of the regiments of Cols Rocke and Bates and I will not consent to their being disbanded until I have exhausted the last chance to get them into service. It may be that Col Young who has gone to Richmond for the purpose may get his regiment accepted distinctly from the four, if so this makes room for one of the excluded regiments.

You deserve for your devotion and industry all you have received I was pleased to hear that you was so immediately the choice of your regiment for Colonel. I feel sure they have made a good selection. I would be gratified at your elevation to a higher position. I cannot tell what course the Confederate Government will pursue in regard to its officers I do not think you will be disturbed.

I have submitted your account to Majr Johns. I do not know what course the claim will take. The law I believe provides no pay for aids de camp to the Governor and yet services like yours should be remunerated. If you cannot be paid without I will endeavor to have the Legislature make provision for you. Keep your men quiet until mustered into Confederate service. Genl Hebert will do it as soon as possible.

Very truly Your friend

Executive Department
Austin Oct. 6 1861

Thomas H. Kent Esq.

Sir,

You are hereby appointed agent of the State to demand and receive of whom may have the articles in charge at Rougo three thousand pounds of powder and two hundred thousand C. and have them brought to Texas.

You will for this purpose have charge of three wagons and

to go from Here to Alexandria La in charge of Mr Robinson merchant of this place and which you will control for said purpose.

It is understood the powder will come from Richmond Va and the Caps from Nashville Tenn. If either or both should not be at Baton Rouge you will immediately telegraph Geo N. White or Majr Marshall at Richmond for the powder and the Military board at Nashville or the Governor for the Caps. I do not know who else in Nashville to apply to.

You are expected to keep in personal charge of these articles after you receive them and use all possible means to prevent their loss by any accident whatever: to preserve from loss or damage by water you had better perhaps have them boxed up and securely wrapped in oil cloth or some other safe protective. Your own good sense and judgment however will suggest the means.

Respectfully.

Executive Office
Austin Oct 7. 1861

Genl Jos A. Hogg

My dear Sir.

Your letter of the 25th ultimo is just received.

I thank you kindly for the alacrity with which you have furnished the companies called for from your division.

I did not know that Gen Green had written to you to send companies for Sibley's Brigade. When I sent you the order for the five companies I supposed that I could get no more into the command and I did not want to disappoint any. I felt satisfied at the time that I could get more men in your district but the order was restricted for the reasons above stated.

In regard to your having position. As it seems Gen Green says you could have, allow me to say that if I had understood that Gen Sibley had made appointments for his Brigade I should certainly have submitted your name to him for the command of one of the regiments. I will write to Gen Sibley by to morrow morning's mail asking the appointment for you. It will give me great pleasure to aid you in obtaining any place you may desire in the service. With the kindest regards to yourself and other valued friends

I am truly yours.

Executive Office
Austin Oct 2 1861

Capt J. H. Sullivan
Comdg Co. D 1st Regt of Texas
San Antonio
Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication with Enclosures relating to the claim of Mrs. Mills for the services of Mr. Mills as Superintendent of the State Penitentiary

On the 15th inst I appointed the Superintendent and directed him to take Possession of the Penitentiary & discharge the duties of that office, & have no doubt that ere this he has entered upon the discharge of his duties. Since writing to you I have received a letter from Mrs. Mills requesting me to appoint her husband Superintendent of the Penitentiary.

I will at once direct the matter to be attended to, & inform you of my decision. I am respectfully your obt. Servt

Capt J. H. Sullivan Com
Sir:

Executive Office
Austin Oct 2nd 1861

I have directed Capt Duncan of the 1st Regt of Texas to furnish you three wagons and sufficient mules to transport to Austin or such other point on the line as you may think best, the clothing & bedding furnished by the citizens of Travis and surrounding counties

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ous volunteers in Virginia. These mules and wagons are the property of the State and I therefore expect that you will be very careful of said property on your trip to Red River and after arriving there. If upon your arrival upon Red River you should meet Mr. Ros. H. Kent of this place who has been appointed agent of the State to receive and bring to Austin Texas from Baton Rouge Louisiana powder and caps expected there for Texas, you will deliver and turn over to Mr. Kent said wagons & mules who is authorized to use and control the same for the purpose of transporting said powder and caps to Austin. Should you not meet said Kent upon your arrival upon Red River you will immediately inform this office of your arrival and what disposition you have made of the wagons and mules. It is desired if you can delay that you await the coming of Mr. Kent to receive and take charge of said property; otherwise you will make some safe and reliable disposition of said property before leaving it, to await a reasonable time the arrival of Mr. Kent with the caps and powder. I desire that you use all possible means to avert a failure on the part of Mr. Kent to obtain said mules and wagons to transport said caps and powder to Austin Texas.

Very respectfully

Note. Two communications of like date with the preceding, and each containing the same substance as the letter to Maj. S. Maclin Chf. 2d. Mr. of date Oct 7th were sent to the Chief Justice of La Vaca County and I. T. Halsell Chf Jus of Houston County. also to Thos. P. Collins, at Crockett, Houston County.

Executive Office
Austin Oct. 10. 1861

Col M. T. Locke

Dear Col.

By Capt Burleson who left here last Friday I think I wrote to you of the acceptance by Gen. Hebert of the Regiments of Cols Parsons and Young at the same time saying to you that I had not dispaired and that I still thought I would get you into service. I also requested Capt Burleson to say to you not to disband your regiment until you could hear from me again, as I then expected to hear soon again from Richmond. This morning I received a dispatch from Richmond saying that the Secy of War had accepted the four Cavalry regiments in Northern Texas to be mustered into the Confederate army by Col Young for service in Missouri. This dispatch was from Col Young him

self and he says he will send by mail "copy of acceptance and order of War Department." I have no doubt of the correctness or reliability of the dispatch.

It may be that Genl Hebert will desire the two regiments accepted by him for service in Texas. I think it probable that Col Young will prefer the Missouri service. If so and Genl Hebert wishes two regiments for home service would your regiment take the place of Col Youngs? Col Parsons regiment I learn prefers the Texas service. I do not know that Genl Hebert will insist upon the two regiments though he seems apprehensive of an invasion upon the coast. Nor do I know that Col Youngs regiment will prefer the Missouri service. My object now is as heretofore to satisfy and accommodate the whole four regiments raised by me order near Red River. I think there is now no doubt of your having service somewhere. I desire to hear from you soon.

Very truly Yours.

Executive Department
Austin Oct. 10. 1861

Gen E B Nichols
Galveston

Dear Sir.

Your letter of the 4th inst is just received. I hasten to answer.

From your letter I infer that you could not have received the letters lately written to you in regard to the Cannon. I presume those letters will make every thing satisfactory about them. I should not hesitate to send you the bonds but the Treasurer is absent and the bonds are not in form for use. Majr. Johns, I understand to coincide with me.

You have been conceded the authority you ask in regard to arms for your regiment, yet I would not like to disarm any company now in service having the arms you desire.

I trust you will not be visited by the enemy as many seem to apprehend But I am very apprehensive myself of his appearance upon your coast.

I really hope circumstances may delay him until we are better prepared for his coming. I am very anxious to come down myself. Can you take me into the service?

I think there may be some mistake about Genl Houstons death. I see persons here just up from below who doubt it

Very truly Yours.

Note: Communications of like date and containing the same substance as the one to Col M. T. Locke on page were addressed severally to Cols M. C. Batte and J. J. Diamond and to Col Wm N. Parsons.

Executive Department
Austin Oct 10. 1861

General,

I have the honor of inclosing to you a copy of a dispatch rec'd this morning from Col Wm C. Young who had proceeded to Richmond for the purpose of having the four regiments of mounted men ordered out by me mustered into the service of the Confederate States.

Col Young was not instructed by me to go to Richmond yet I am gratified that his mission has met with success

From his despatch you will perceive that the four regiments which I tendered to you has been ordered to muster into Confederate service and march to Missouri.

Now acceptance of two of these regiments I will of course observe in preference to the arrangements effected by Col Young Accordingly two regiments are still at your service, should you desire to receive them. But you are well aware that volunteer troops before being mustered into service cannot be well controlled, and would disregard an order from me to proceed to one point provided they had a preference for and an opportunity of going to another.

Col Young will I presume go with his regiment to Missouri as he has succeeded in procuring its acceptance for such service. Yet either the regiment of Col Locke or Col Batte both of which are now organized I will order to replace Col Young's regiment and to be mustered into the service by you should you desire it.

Col Parsons regiment I know to be anxious for service within the State and especially upon the Coast. This then is the proposition I make to you Should you in consideration of the action of the Secy of War to Col Young, prefer that these four regiments should be accepted for service in Missouri, you will be relieved from your agreement to muster in two of them. If however you desire to receive two of the regiments or one Col Parsons they or it will be retained in obedience to your command.

Hoping to receive an immediate reply.

I am truly Yours.

To Brig. Gen. P. O. Hebert
Comdg. Dept of Texas
Galveston

Executive Department
Austin Oct 12. 1861

Genl D. A. Hebert
Galveston

Dear Sir

I did not hear from you to day as I hoped I should. You are doubtless too busily employed to write I was anxious to hear probably at what time you would dispatch an officer to Northern Tex as to muster in the regiments of Col Parsons and Young

I wrote to you by the last mail informing you of the acceptance of the four Cavalry regiments offered you by the Secretary of War and desiring to know whether you still wished the two you had accepted. On the same day I dispatched a messenger with the intelligence of their acceptance by the Sec of War to their regiments and that I had communicated with you and how. This leaves them in doubt as to the ultimate result of their present condition and for this reason I would be pleased to hear from you as early as your convenience will permit.

I see that you are energetically at work for the defence of our coast. I am pleased to be able to say that several Brigades of Militia are ready for service if needed and will be placed at your command if you need them. I am gratified at the news from the seat of War. I sincerely trust that it may prove true.

Truly Yr. obt. Servt

Executive Office
Austin Oct 14. 1861

Messrs. A. Holland, J. E. Kirby & W. Miller

Gent. Your communication of the 7th inst in regard to the commissions of Col Paine & others is just received. Until the receipt of your letter I knew nothing whatever of the matter. I have handed the copy of proceedings to the Adjt Genl and upon inquiry find that the certificates of election are not in his office, nor are they in the office of the Secretary of State.

If you could see the number of commissions I have signed in the last month you would know at once that your county has not been entirely neglected.

Very respectfully

Executive Department
Austin Oct. 16. 1861

Messrs Brown, Underwood, and Tindle,
Columbia, Texas

Gent.

In reply to your letter of the 30th ult I can inform you that the Confederate States Q. Master for the Military Department of Texas has requested me to supply him with Penitentiary fabrics to an extent that will probably demand all the goods that are now on hand, which he will have made into clothing for our soldiers. After this requisition has been filled your very patriotic application will be considered and if possible complied with.

Very respectfully

Note: A letter dated 17th Oct containing the same substance as the one above, was written to Wm G. Ford. Chf Jus of Jackson County, to Hon C. A. Farrer Chf Jus. of Washington Co and to Mrs Josephine Monger at La Grange Fayette Co.

Executive Department
Austin Oct 17. 1861

Hon. Jacob Waelder
San Antonio

Sir,

I am pleased to acknowledge the receipt of a letter from you dated Oct 12.

The imminency of an invasion which may be attempted upon our seacoast this winter has been with me a subject of constant solicitude. Every resource within the State has been placed at the command of the very able Confederate States officer who is in Texas to defend it. In addition to this I have effected as perfect an organization of the able bodied men of the State as our totally impracticable Militia Law would permit.

Brigadier Generals have been appointed in all the districts who have been enjoined by repeated and explicit orders to organize the Militia within their respective districts and it is gratifying to know that in many instances this has been accomplished. It has also been urged in different Proclamations upon the People to form every where into Companies and drill constantly to report themselves to the Adjutant General and hold themselves as composing the great army of reserve.

Beyond this I have no authority to put troops in the field the means to sustain them. I expect Gen. Hebert to call

into active service all the troops he may require and intend to aid him to the utmost in so doing.

I have written thus lengthily in order that you may understand my it is that I cannot comply with your request. If Gen Hebert should consent to receive a regiment which you might raise I would authorize upon his request to that effect.

Very respectfully Yours.

Executive Department
Austin Oct. 19. 1861

Brig. Gen. P. O. Hebert
Comndg. Mil. Dep. of Texas
Galveston

Sir,

I received this morning two letters from Col Charles Lovenskiold who is employed on the Lower Rio Grande as agent for the State of Texas, in closing up the military organization which has there been in operation under authority of the State.

These letters are of such significance that I deem it proper to submit the important portions of them to your consideration. The copies which I inclose to you will sufficiently explain themselves.

In respect to the defence of Fort Brown, would it not be well to send a competent officer there to investigate and report to you on the subject?

Col Lovenskiold further states that he is compelled to continue all the ordnance, ordnance Stores &c in the hands of the State officers, there being no U. S. officer present to whom he can turn over such property. Therefore it would also be well for you to send an ordnance officer to the Rio Grande to take charge of such stores.

You will perceive from Col L's letter of the 10th inst the circumstances with which Capt Benivedes Company is attended. This is an excellent company - has done good service already, and I trust you will be able to receive it on the same conditions with other Cavalry Companies on the Rio Grande.

With highest consideration
I am truly Yours.

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Executive office
Austin Oct 20. 1861

Col M. T. Locke

Dear Sir,

Capt. McKnight is here and has handed me your dispatches.

I am very sorry that Col Parsons wrote to you, as he did since you may have to retrace your steps should you have moved South. By letter from Genl. Hebert of the 16th inst I find that he has ordered Col Parsons regiment to Hempstead and suggests that in view of the condition of Genl McCulloch the other three regiments had better perhaps go to his aid, and that he did not feel authorized to countermand orders from headquarters. I hope that my last dispatches by Mr. Hopkins will get to you before you start down the country, and if so you will remain at your present position or somewhere in that region until I can confer with Genl Hebert again which I will do by the next mail and communicate the results to you. If you shall have left your present rendezvous you will halt at some proper point for the maintenance of your command and remain until further orders. You will as early as posible advise me of your location.

I shall use every means in my power to have you retained in Service and sent into immediate service. Though the prospect is not as flattering as I could wish, I hope I shall succeed in getting Genl Hebert to order you down the Country. You may rely upon my best efforts.

You should be paid for your services as aid de camp and I will endeavor to get the Legislature to make provision for it. Present my best regards to my friends and acquaintances in your regiment and indeed to your whole command. Hoping you a speedy and pleasant service and good health,

I am truly your friend

Executive Office
Austin Oct 21. 1861

Wm Carothers Esq.
Supt of Penitentiary; You will please furnish Col M. T. Locke if in your power 15 or 20 tents for his regiment if you can have them made, or the materials to make them if you have it.

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Executive Department
Austin Oct 22. 1861

Genl P. O. Hebert

Sir.

Your communication of the 16th inst was duly received. I am gratified that you have ordered Col Parsons with his regiment South. He was anxious to obtain service in Texas.

One object of my writing at this time, is to procure if possible the acceptance of Col Locke's Regiment. From information just received I fear that he has taken up the line of march in the direction of the Coast. If so it has been done without orders from me and I presume in consequence of advices given him by Col Parsons. Though the duty of the soldier is to await and obey orders I am disposed to excuse his non observance of this obligation for the reason that they have promptly responded to my Calls for their services and are exceedingly anxious for service. This regiment would have gone to Missouri without hesitation but are now of the opinion that Texas may need them and if so they prefer to stay at home. I am aware that you do not desire a very large Cavalry force, nor more perhaps than you now have. It may occur however that you may need additional Cavalry troops and indeed I see through the papers that you are in some instances authorizing the raising of Cavalry Companies. Would it not suit you now to receive this regiment now, in expectancy of future Contingencies? Might it not be well employed at Brownsville until the forces desired for that post be obtained? We have an extended sea board and if invaded in that quarter I should think a considerable Cavalry force would be needed. This now very late too, to send men to Missouri and for this reason and the probable necessity that may come upon us for our volunteers at home, I would be greatly gratified if you would accept this regiment, and request if consistent with your opinions of duty and propriety that you do so. In addition to the impracticability of their now going to Missouri I will state that they have been sometime organized and have equipped themselves at considerable expense, many of them have abandoned their employment to engage in their country service and if disappointed or disbanded the consequences would be ruinous to them. Col Young's regiment as also that of Col Simms I feel satisfied from advices received have been started to Missouri. While I do not wish to embarrass you and by no means to control your operations I sincerely desire and request that you have this regiment immediately put to service in Texas if you can.

The impression has obtained & find that you have authorized the enlistment of men for six months. Within the last few days I have been repeatedly asked if such is the case. If you have done so I suppose it results from your opinion of the necessities of our Coast Country. It is however having a bad effect upon my efforts to raise the required forces for Ft Brown and other points. Our people though willing to serve as long as needed desire the shortest term that can be

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[illegible] and hence will not volunteer for the war while there is a chance to enlist for six or twelve months. You will not understand me as complaining of this course for if you have authorized it I doubt not you have good reasons for it.

It is reported here that there is an intention of withdrawing the regiment of Col McCulloch from its position upon the frontier. While I attach very little consequence to this impression I feel called upon in justice to our frontier citizens to request that it may not be done. I feel apprehensive that we may in the future have more trouble from Indians than we have had for several months and I should therefore feel very unwilling to see this regiment taken away. It has been upon that line of frontier for nearly one year and is or should be better suited to its protection than any new forces that could be placed there. I trust that the opinion of your intention to withdraw it is incorrect and that that border may not be deprived of its presence and protection.

I trust that you have by this time received the cannon expected from Richmond and that they are or will soon be ready for service. Should you be attacked at Galveston, which I hope may not be the case, I greatly desire to have it in my power to be present.

I am very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.